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Jeff Sessions pushed out after a year of attacks from Trump

In this July 20, 2017 file photo, Attorney General Jeff Sessions accompanied by Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein, speaks at a news conference at the Justice Department in Washington.

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By **ERIC TUCKER** and
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WASHINGTON (AP) —
Attorney General Jeff
Sessions was pushed out

Wednesday as the country's
chief law enforcement
officer after enduring more
than a year of blistering
and personal attacks from
President Donald Trump

over his recusal from the
Russia investigation.
Trump announced in a
tweet that he was naming
Sessions' chief of staff,
Matthew Whitaker, a former

U.S. attorney from Iowa, as
acting attorney general.
Whitaker has criticized
special counsel Robert
Mueller's investigation into
potential coordination

between the president's
Republican campaign and
Russia.

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Continued from Previous Page Sessions, in a one-page letter to Trump, said he was resigning "at your request." The resignation was the culmination of a toxic relationship that frayed just weeks into Sessions' tumultuous tenure, when he stepped aside from the Mueller investigation.

Trump blamed the decision to recuse for the appointment of Mueller, who took over the Russia investigation and began examining whether Trump's hectoring of Sessions was part of a broader effort to stymie the probe.

Trump had repeatedly been talked out of firing Sessions until after the midterms but told confidants in recent weeks that he wanted Sessions out as soon as possible after the elections, according to a Republican close to the White House who was not authorized to publicly discuss private conversations.

White House chief of staff John Kelly called Sessions before the president's news conference on Wednesday and asked for his resignation. Sessions' undated resignation letter was then sent to the White House.

Asked whether Whitaker would assume control over Mueller's investigation, Justice Department spokeswoman Sarah Flores said Whitaker would be "in charge of all matters under the purview of the Department of Justice." The Justice Department did not announce a departure for Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein, who appointed Mueller and has closely overseen his work.

Whitaker once opined about a scenario in which Trump could fire Sessions and then appoint an acting attorney general who could stifle the funding of Mueller's probe. In that scenario, Mueller's budget could be reduced "so low that his investigation grinds to almost a halt," Whitaker said during a July 2017 interview with CNN.

In an op-ed for CNN, Whitaker wrote: "Mueller has come up to a red line in the Russia 2016 election-meddling investigation that he is dangerously close to crossing."



In this Feb. 9, 2017 file photo, President Donald Trump shakes hands with Attorney General Jeff Sessions, accompanied by his wife Mary, after he was sworn-in by Vice President Mike Pence, in the Oval Office of the White House in Washington.

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Democrats, including House Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi and Senate Democratic leader Chuck Schumer, immediately called for Whitaker to recuse himself from the investigation, citing his public comments. Rep. Jerry Nadler, the top Democrat on the House Judiciary Committee, said he wants "answers immediately" and tweeted that "we will hold people accountable."

Trump's relentless attacks on Sessions came even though the Alabama Republican was the first U.S. senator to endorse Trump and despite the fact that his crime-fighting agenda and priorities — particularly his hawkish immigration enforcement policies — largely mirrored the president's. But the relationship was irreparably damaged in March 2017 when Sessions, acknowledging previously undisclosed meetings with the Russian ambassador and citing his work as a campaign aide, recused himself from the Russia investigation.

Trump repeatedly lamented that he would have never selected Sessions if he had known the attorney general would recuse himself. The recusal left the investigation in the hands of Rosenstein, who appointed Mueller two months later after Trump fired then-FBI Director James Comey.

The rift lingered, and Sessions, despite praising the

president's agenda and hewing to his priorities, never managed to return to Trump's good graces.

The deteriorating relationship became a soap opera stalemate for the administration. Trump belittled Sessions but, perhaps following the advice of aides, didn't fire him. Sessions, for his part, proved determined to remain in the position until dismissed. A logjam broke when Republican senators who had backed Sessions signaled a willingness to consider a new attorney general.

In attacks delivered on Twitter, in person and in interviews, Trump called Sessions weak and beleaguered, complained that he wasn't more aggressively pursuing allegations of corruption against Democratic rival Hillary Clinton and called it "disgraceful" that Sessions wasn't more serious in scrutinizing the origins of the Russia investigation for possible law enforcement bias — even though the attorney general did ask the Justice Department's inspector general to examine those claims.

The broadsides escalated in recent months, with Trump telling an interviewer that Sessions "never had control" of the Justice Department and accusing him on Twitter of not protecting Republican interests by allowing two GOP congressmen to be indicted

before the election.

Sessions endured most of the name-calling in silence, though he did issue two public statements defending the department, including one in which he said he would serve "with integrity and honor" for as long as he was in the job.

Sessions, who likely suspected his ouster was imminent, was spotted by reporters giving some of his grandchildren a tour of the White House over the weekend. He did not respond when asked why he was there.

The recusal from the Russia investigation allowed Sessions to pursue conservative issues he had long championed as a senator, often in isolation among fellow Republicans.

He found satisfaction in being able to reverse Obama-era policies that conservatives say flouted the will of Congress, including by encouraging prosecutors to pursue the most serious charges they could and by promoting more aggressive enforcement of federal marijuana law. He also announced media leak crackdowns and tougher policies against opioids, and his Justice Department defended a since-abandoned administration policy that resulted in migrant parents being separated from their children at the border.

His agenda unsettled liberals who said that Sessions' focus on tough prosecutions marked a return to failed drug war tactics that unduly hurt minorities and the poor, and that his rollbacks of protections for gay and transgender people amount to discrimination.

Some Democrats also considered Sessions too eager to do Trump's bidding and overly receptive to his grievances.

Sessions, for instance, directed senior prosecutors to examine potential corruption in a uranium field transaction that some Republicans have said may have implicated Clinton in wrongdoing and benefited donors of the Clinton Foundation. He also fired one of the president's primary antagonists, former FBI Deputy Director Andrew McCabe, just before he was to have

retired — a move Trump hailed as a "great day for democracy."

Despite it all, Sessions never found himself back in favor with the president.

The problems started after he told senators during his confirmation hearing that he had never met with Russians during the campaign. The Justice Department, responding to a Washington Post report, acknowledged that Sessions had actually had two encounters during the campaign with the then-Russian ambassador. He recused himself the next day, saying it would be inappropriate to oversee an investigation into a campaign he was part of.

The announcement set off a frenzy inside the White House, with Trump directing his White House counsel to call Sessions beforehand and urge him not to step aside. Sessions rejected the entreaty. Mueller's team, which has interviewed Sessions, has been investigating the president's attacks on him and his demands to have a loyalist in charge of the Russia investigation.

Sessions had been protected for much of his tenure by the support of Senate Republicans, including Judiciary Committee Chairman Chuck Grassley, who had said he would not schedule a confirmation hearing for another attorney general if Trump fired him.

But that support began to fade, with Grassley suggesting over the summer that he might have time for a hearing after all.

Whitaker, an Iowa native, previously served as U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Iowa from 2004 until 2009. He managed a couple of dozen attorneys who prosecute federal crimes and represent the government in civil matters in half of Iowa.

Most of his career had been spent in private practice, including at a Des Moines law firm he founded with other Republican Party activists in 2009.

Whitaker, who briefly worked as a conservative legal commentator on CNN, twice failed in bids for statewide elected office, most recently losing the 2014 GOP primary for the U.S. Senate. □



Political pioneers: Voters elect trailblazing candidates

By ERRIN HAINES WHACK

WASHINGTON (AP) — What is already the most diverse Congress ever will become even more so after Tuesday's elections, which broke barriers of race and gender.

For the first time, a pair of Native American congresswomen are headed to the House, in addition to two Muslim congresswoman. Massachusetts and Connecticut will also send black women to Congress as firsts for their states, while Arizona and Tennessee are getting their first female senators.

The high-profile midterm cycle that produced a record number of women contenders and candidates of color means a number of winners will take office as trailblazers. The inclusive midterm victories bode well for future election cycles, said Kimberly Peeler-Allen, co-founder of Higher Heights for America, a national organization focused on galvanizing black women voters and electing black women as candidates.

"This is going to be a long process to get us to a point of proportionate representation, but tonight is a giant step forward for what leadership can and will eventually look like in this country," Peeler-Allen said. She added that even women of color who were unsuccessful will inspire a new crop of candidates, similar to the white women encouraged to run after Hillary Clinton's 2016 presidential election loss.

Some of Tuesday's black female pioneers, like Illinois nurse and Democrat Lauren Underwood and Connecticut teacher and

Democrat Jahana Hayes, were first-time candidates. Others, like Massachusetts' Ayanna Pressley, were political veterans. Most were considered longshots.

Several will represent districts that are majority white and that have been historically conservative, their victories a rejection of conventional wisdom on electability and the effects of gerrymandering that have historically assigned elected officials of color to represent minority communities.

Pressley, a Democrat and Boston city councilwoman, will represent Massachusetts' 7th Congressional District in the next Congress. Pressley stunned the political establishment in September, defeating a 10-term incumbent in the Democratic primary, and ran unopposed in the general.

"None of us ran to make history," Pressley told supporters in her acceptance speech Tuesday. "We ran to make change. However, the historical significance of this evening is not lost on me. The significance of history is not lost on me."

Half a century ago this week, New York's Shirley Chisholm was elected the first black woman in Congress, and several of the black women elected Tuesday have said their campaigns were inspired by her example.

Also in the House, Democrats Ilhan Omar of Minnesota and Rashida Tlaib of Michigan will be the first Muslim women to serve in Congress. New Mexico Democrat Deb Haaland and Kansas Democrat Sharice Davids were elected the first two Native

American women to serve in Congress.

Democrat Mike Espy, who will face Mississippi Republican Rep. Cindy Hyde-Smith in a December runoff, could become the state's first black senator since Reconstruction.

And regardless of who wins in Arizona's competitive Senate race, the state will elect either Republican Martha McSally or Democrat Kyrsten Sinema as the state's first woman to serve in the chamber. Also in the Senate, Republican Marsha Blackburn will become Tennessee's first woman senator.

Georgia candidate Stacey Abrams, a Democrat, was in a fierce battle to be-



In this Aug. 16, 2018 file photo, Democrat Ilhan Omar, the nation's first Somali-American legislator who won her party's congressional primary in the race, talks during an interview at Peace Coffee in Minneapolis.

come America's first black woman governor, while Democrat Andrew Gillum

narrowly lost his bid to become the first black governor of Florida. □



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Pelosi starts bid for speakership with kind words from Trump

By LISA MASCARO
AP Congressional Correspondent

WASHINGTON (AP) — Vilified by Republicans on the campaign trail, Nancy Pelosi emerged Wednesday as President Donald Trump's preferred choice to become speaker of the House, arriving on Capitol Hill with an air of inevitability after leading her party back to the majority. The Democratic leader is positioned to return to the speaker's office after Democrats took back the House in Tuesday's midterm elections. Already the only woman to have held the job, she would also become one of the few lawmakers to reclaim the gavel after losing it.

Pelosi is a "smart woman," Trump said during a nearly 90-minute press conference at the White House, and someone with whom he hopes to engage in "beautiful bipartisanship" and deal-making. It was a role reversal from just days ago, when he warned voters of her "radical" agenda. She "deserved" to become speaker again after winning the House, Trump said Wednesday, adding that he looked forward to doing "a tremendous amount of legislation" once power in Congress is divided between a Democratic House and Republican Senate. At the Capitol, in the stately Rayburn Room — named after the last speaker who returned to the office — Pelosi was asked if she was confident she would become speaker when the new Congress convenes in January. She said simply: "Yes, I am."

Yet ascent of the California Democrat is nowhere near guaranteed. Many younger House Democrats, including some of the newly



House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., speaks in during a news conference on Capitol Hill in Washington, Wednesday, Nov. 7, 2018.

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elected, have pledged to vote against her. They are reluctant to shout the name "Pelosi" when the cameras zoom in during the first roll call of Congress, fearful of the attack ads that will be launched against them.

As Trump and Pelosi extended overtures across Pennsylvania Avenue, they also shadowboxed around the new dynamic created by the House's ability to probe the president's business dealings and his administration. The president warned Democrats not to push too hard with their investigations, or he would smack back even harder; Pelosi vowed that they would conduct responsible oversight.

The two have reasons to cooperate. Both want to score legislative wins to bring to voters ahead of the 2020 election. They talked on election night about doing an infrastructure package and lowering health care costs, particularly around prescription drugs,

priorities for both sides.

"There's plenty of opportunity," Pelosi said, noting she worked productively with President George W. Bush during her last turn as speaker. She also referenced Democratic Rep. Maxine Waters of California, another favorite Trump villain, who is set to lead the powerful Financial Services Committee.

"Democrats come to this majority with the responsibility not to Democrats or Republicans — it's to the United States of America," she said. "The fact is we'd like to work together."

Pelosi is likely to win first-round voting later this month to become leader, when she needs half of House Democrats to support her. But becoming speaker requires a majority of the full House, 218 votes, and her slim majority — now at 222 — leaves her little cushion.

It's not just her. Pelosi heads a trio of septagenarian lead-

ers, with Democratic Whip Steny Hoyer and Assistant Leader Jim Clyburn, who have held power since the last time Democrats took back the House majority, in 2006. Each is poised to move up a slot.

Democrats who want new leadership have been whispering about it for weeks, and on Wednesday, several Pelosi opponents announced their intent to run for the top posts.

"I've been saying for a long time that the Democratic Party leadership is in dire need of change," wrote Rep. Filemon Vela of Texas, one of two who wants to run for the No. 3 job of chief vote-counter. "Ya es tiempo de un cambio!" he echoed his statement in Spanish.

Another Democrat, Rep. Diana DeGette of Colorado, also jumped into the whip's race.

Both candidacies are a direct affront to Clyburn, the highest-ranking African-American in Congress, who

is in line to become the whip. He announced his bid Wednesday, pledging to "make America's greatness apply fairly and equitably to all Americans."

Three others announced their runs for assistant leader, the new No. 4 post, including Rep. Ben Ray Lujan of New Mexico, the chairman of the campaign committee who helped lead his colleagues to the majority.

So far, though, no one has mounted a serious direct challenge to Pelosi, and some are reluctant to take on the first female speaker after an election that brought a record number of women to the polls and to the House.

"Thank you for returning us to the majority. Now we want to say goodbye?" That's very difficult," said Rep. Gerry Connolly, D-Va. "But the math is very difficult for her, and it's incapable."

Ohio Rep. Tim Ryan, who ran against Pelosi last year as a centrist alternative, said colleagues want to do what's best for the new members coming from districts that just flipped from Republicans. He said those Democrats need to be able to run for re-election in two years without being saddled with the GOP's attacks on Pelosi.

"The one thing that keeps emerging in the conversation is, What do we have to do to protect our new members?" Ryan said. "What are we doing to protect the majority makers?" Fallout on the Republican side of the aisle is just as complicated, with Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy of California facing a challenge from conservative Rep. Jim Jordan of Ohio for the top spot in their shrunken ranks. □

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Motel 6: \$7.6 million for guests reported to immigration

By ANITA SNOW

PHOENIX (AP) — The national budget chain Motel 6 has agreed to pay up to \$7.6 million to Latino guests who say the company's employees shared their private information with immigration officials, according to a proposed settlement filed in federal court.

A federal judge must still approve the proposal filed last week in U.S. District Court in Arizona.

The agreement between Motel 6, which is owned by G6 Hospitality in Carrollton, Texas, and guests represented by the Los Angeles-based Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund, springs from a class-action lawsuit filed in January.

Calls seeking comment from the hospitality com-

pany's media relations department were not immediately returned Wednesday. Motel 6 in the past has declined to comment on the lawsuit, but has said it takes its guests' privacy seriously. Fund president and general counsel Thomas A. Saenz said Wednesday the agreement launches a long process allowing potential class action members to have a say in the case.

Under the proposal, Motel 6 could ultimately pay up to \$8.9 million, including reimbursement of legal fees and administrative costs, Saenz said.

"We're very pleased with the settlement because it will provide for future protections and compensation," he said.

The civil rights group al-



This Sept. 14, 2017, file photo shows a Motel 6 in Phoenix. The Motel 6 chain has agreed in a proposed settlement to pay up to \$7.6 million to guests who say the company's employees shared their private information with immigration officials.

Associated Press

leged that Motel 6 discriminated against Latino customers at two locations in Phoenix by sharing their whereabouts and personal information with U.S. immigration agents who later arrested at least seven

guests.

Motel 6 said last year that its Phoenix employees would no longer work with immigration authorities after the Phoenix New Times newspaper reported that workers were providing guests'

names to agents.

In a tweet at the time, Motel 6 said: "This was implemented at the local level without the knowledge of senior management."

The Washington state attorney general also sued the chain in January, saying it had violated a state consumer protection law by providing the private information of thousands of guests to immigration agents without a warrant. The attorney general's office in that state began investigating after news reports about the Phoenix case.

The Phoenix lawsuit was filed on behalf of eight unnamed Latinos who stayed at two Motel 6 locations in the city in June and July 2017. All but one was arrested. □

Apologizing for cover-up, diocese vows to ID accused priests

By RYAN J. FOLEY

Associated Press

IOWA CITY, Iowa (AP) — A Roman Catholic diocese issued an apology Tuesday for covering up an Iowa priest's sexual abuse of boys for decades and promised to identify all priests who have faced credible allegations. The actions by the Diocese of Sioux City come in response to an investigation by The Associated Press, which last week broke the church's 32-year silence on serial abuse by the Rev. Jerome Coyle.

In a lengthy statement Tuesday, the diocese said more disclosures of miscon-

duct may be forthcoming. It urged all victims to come forward and vowed to use their reports and other files to create and publish a list of credibly accused priests — a step the diocese had long resisted.

Coyle admitted to then-Bishop Lawrence Soens in 1986 to having sexually abused 50 boys over a 20-year period. The diocese said that it should have notified parishes and asked victims to come forward back then, and apologized that its former leaders failed to do so. Instead, the diocese sent Coyle to a treatment center for accused priests in New Mex-

ico, where he lived and worked as a civilian for decades.

The diocese said that its current leadership should have notified the public this summer when Coyle was placed at a retirement home near a Catholic school, which he moved out of last week following AP's disclosure of his history. But the statement said that its bishop, R. Walker Nickless, "inherited many issues from the past," including the challenging of finding housing for accused priests who were never charged and aren't listed as sex offenders.

"What do we do with these



This August 2010 photo provided by Reuben Ortiz, shows retired Catholic priest Jerome Coyle in Albuquerque, N.M.

Associated Press

men? We know that you do not want them in your community. Many care facilities will not, or cannot, take them. Their families sometimes will take them in, but not always," said the statement, issued through diocese spokeswoman Su-

san O'Brien.

The diocese indicated that other accused priests were sent for treatment, rather than investigated by police, and "we know now that is not the way to handle any allegation of sexual misconduct." □



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Democrats knock holes in Republican wall of state control

By DAVID A. LIEB

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (AP)

— The Republican wall that has stood in state capitols for much of the past decade now has a few holes in it.

Democrats flipped control of seven gubernatorial offices, marking their greatest gains in several decades, and picked up hundreds of state legislative seats in Tuesday's first midterm elections of President Donald Trump's tenure.

Yet those victories didn't quite reach the lofty goals of an anticipated blue wave, leaving both major parties with reason for hope on Wednesday as they look ahead to another pivotal battle in 2020.

Some of the biggest wins for Democrats came in the Midwest, where Republicans had virtually wiped them out in prior elections. Democrats defeated Republican Govs. Scott Walker in Wisconsin and Bruce Rauner in Illinois while picking up open seats previously held by Republican governors in Michigan and Kansas.

Democrats also flipped control of governors' offices being vacated by Republicans in Maine, Nevada and New Mexico.

The Democratic Governors Association said it was their greatest number of pickups since 1982, the first midterm election of Republican President Ronald Reagan. The Democratic group's chairman, Washington Gov. Jay Inslee, called it "a broad-based win" and a historically big rejection of the president's party.



Gretchen Whitmer gives her acceptance speech after being elected the next governor of Michigan, in Detroit, Tuesday, Nov. 6, 2018.

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"For those who were troubled by the results of 2016 in the Midwest, we have proved that the Democrats can run and win," Inslee said.

Yet Republicans held on to the governor's office in other key swing states targeted by Democrats, including Florida, Ohio and Iowa. Republican Secretary of State Brian Kemp also was leading in Georgia's gubernatorial race, though Democrat Stacey Abrams held out hope that absentee and the provisional ballots remaining to be counted could push Kemp's percentage below 50 percent and force a runoff.

Republicans picked up one new governor's office — a seat previously held by an independent in Alaska.

Republicans entered Tuesday's election controlling

33 governors' offices and two-thirds of the 99 state legislative chambers. The Democratic gubernatorial victories will push that closer to an even split. But Republicans will still control at least three-fifths of the state legislative chambers, even after Democrats flipped about a half-dozen chambers.

The gubernatorial and legislative gains appeared to give Democrats new trifectas of power in Colorado, Illinois, Maine, Nevada, New Mexico and New York. Democrats also broke up existing Republican trifectas in Kansas, Michigan, New Hampshire and Wisconsin.

Democrats ended a Republican legislative supermajority in North Carolina, making it harder for the GOP to override vetoes by

Democratic Gov. Roy Cooper.

Yet even after Tuesday's victories, Democrats still will have full control of the governor's office and legislature in about one-third fewer states than Republicans.

The Democratic gains amount to a mere "ripple" in Republican legislative control, said Matt Walter, president of the Republican State Leadership Committee.

"It is not a wave, and I would say it's a far cry short of what they should have done" during a midterm election in which Republicans had to defend far more seats, Walter said.

During the first midterm election of Democratic President Barack Obama's tenure in 2010, Republicans picked up about 725 state

legislative seats while flipping control of 21 chambers. Republicans then used that enhanced power in many states to redraw legislative districts to their favor after the 2010 Census. Tuesday's shift of about a half-dozen chambers for Democrats is well below the average of 12 chamber changes per election cycle dating back 1900, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures.

Whereas "Obama's first midterm was a wipeout for Democrats," the Republican losses Tuesday are "relatively modest," said NCSL elections analyst Tim Storey.

That's partly because Democrats are still "running on mostly Republican-drawn maps," he said.

Both Democrats and Republicans were trying to put themselves in a strong position for the elections in two years, which will determine which party will have the upper hand in redrawing congressional and state legislative districts after the 2020 Census. But that jostling for power will matter less in some states as a result of Tuesday's elections.

Voters in Colorado, Michigan and Missouri approved ballot measures overhauling the redistricting process in ways that are intended to reduce the likelihood of partisan gerrymandering by either major party. The Colorado and Michigan measures set up independent commissions to handle the task instead of leaving it to lawmakers and the governor. □

Texas jury sentences man to 25 years in deadly confrontation

By JUAN A. LOZANO

Associated Press

HOUSTON (AP) — The husband of a former sheriff's deputy was sentenced to 25 years in prison on Wednesday for the strangulation death of a man the couple confronted outside a Houston-area restaurant.

Prosecutors argued Terry Thompson wanted to kill 24-year-old John Hernandez and kept him in a chokehold even when he stopped resisting after Thompson confronted Hernandez about urinating in the parking lot of a Denny's restaurant in May 2017.

Thompson's attorney countered he was only defending himself after being punched and kept Hernandez subdued only until he stopped resisting.

Jurors denied a request by Thompson's attorney to find

that he acted with sudden passion and was unable to control his anger — which would have made him eligible for a lesser sentence of two years to 20 years. The same jury convicted Thompson of murder on Monday.

Thompson's wife, former Harris County sheriff's deputy Chauna Thompson, arrived later at the restaurant and helped subdue Hernandez. Chauna Thompson, who was off duty at the time and was later fired, faces a murder trial in April.

Chauna Thompson was in the courtroom as her husband's attorney, Scot Courtney, asked jurors during closing arguments in the trial's punishment phase for a sentence that would allow his client to one day return to his family. He described Thompson as

someone who was friendly, hardworking and dedicated to his children.

"Terry Thompson is a good man. Did he make a bad decision and a bad mistake? There is no question of that," Courtney said.

But prosecutor John Jordan told jurors Thompson didn't deserve their mercy as he had a history of losing his temper and assaulting his children.

Jordan said there was no sudden passion in Thompson's actions, as he confronted Hernandez for 14 minutes, including keeping him in a chokehold for more than three minutes, even after Hernandez had signaled that he was no longer resisting.

"What mercy did he have when his own wife got to the scene and said, 'Get off (Hernandez)'?" Jordan said. "How in the world can



In this June 13, 2018, file photo, Terry Thompson, accused of fatally choking John Hernandez, is shown in court in Houston.

Associated Press

you give him what he was not willing to give to another human being?"

Hernandez died at a hospital three days after the confrontation. A medical examiner ruled he died of lack of oxygen to the brain caused by strangulation and chest compression.

Hernandez's family has remained critical of the investigation, saying deputies at the scene didn't interview

potential witnesses and initially tried to have an assault charge filed against Hernandez.

Hernandez's family has filed a wrongful-death lawsuit against the Thompsons, asking for at least \$1 million in damages.

This was the second time Thompson's case was before a jury. His first trial in June ended with a hung jury. □

Oklahoma zookeeper accused of killing 5 tigers, selling cubs

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) —

A former Oklahoma zookeeper and candidate for governor already accused in a murder-for-hire plot has been indicted on 19 new counts accusing him of killing tigers and selling tiger cubs.

A federal grand jury unsealed the charges Wednesday against 55-year-old Joseph Maldonado-Passage, who's known as "Joe Exotic" and

formerly operated a zoo in Wynnewood, Oklahoma. Maldonado-Passage ran unsuccessfully for Oklahoma governor this year.

Maldonado-Passage was indicted in September for allegedly trying to hire someone to kill the operator of a Florida-based animal sanctuary. He's pleaded not guilty. The new charges accuse him of killing five tigers in October 2017 and selling and offering to sell

tiger cubs in violation of the Endangered Species Act.

His attorney, William P. Earley, didn't immedi-

ately return a call seeking comment. □



This photo provided by the Santa Rose County Jail in Milton, Fla., shows Joseph Maldonado-Passage.

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Hungary's ruling party guards place in EU center-right fold

By LORNE COOK

HELSINKI (AP) — Hungary's ruling party pledged Wednesday to respect democracy and the rule of law as center-right parties across Europe weighed whether to eject it and the Hungarian prime minister from the biggest and most influential political group in the European Union.

Fidesz party lawmakers made the commitment at a congress of the European People's Party group, where an "emergency resolution" was introduced partly to establish where the stridently nationalist party's sympathies lay.

Delegates at the congress vowed to promote the values of "human dignity, freedom, democracy, equality, the rule of law and respect for human rights." democracy, equality, the rule of law and respect for human rights."

The EPP, the group uniting Europe's center-right parties, has been wringing its hands over whether to keep Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban and Fidesz in the fold or cut them



Finnish Prime Minister Juha Sipila, left, welcomes Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban at the Prime Minister's official residence Kes'rantain, in Helsinki, Finland, Wednesday, Nov. 7, 2018.

Associated Press

loose before European Parliament elections in May.

Far-right and populist parties have made big gains in EU countries as their leaders bicker over what experts say should be an eminently manageable level of mass migration. Orban's government erected razor-wire

fences to keep migrants out as hundreds of thousands of people — most of them refugees from Syria and Iraq — tried to enter Europe in 2015.

EU lawmakers voted in September to pursue unprecedented action against the Hungarian government for

attempting to undermine the bloc's democratic values and rule of law. However, some EPP insiders fear that pushing Orban out might push him into the arms of far-right parties such as nationalist Alternative for Germany (AfD) or France's National Rally.

Others worry that a policy of containment might undermine the EPP and shift it further right.

A recent battle between Brussels and Italy's populist government over the country's budget plans and stalled negotiations over Britain's departure from the EU in March are other sources of concern that the European project could face chaos after the May parliamentary polls.

In their resolution in Helsinki, Finland, delegates underlined that the group's values were "being challenged in an unprecedented manner" and said populist and nationalist extremism were among the biggest threats "to freedom and democracy in Europe since the fall of the Iron Curtain."

The two-day meeting — involving government leaders from Germany, Austria, Bulgaria, Croatia, Hungary, Ireland, Slovenia and the EU's main institutions — is a chance for the group to thrash out its strategy to hold power in the polls and nominate its lead candidate. □

Jewish students remember "Night of Broken Glass" in Berlin

By KIRSTEN GRIESHABER

Associated Press

BERLIN (AP) — Jewish students in Berlin on Wednesday marked the 80th anniversary of Kristallnacht, the "Night of Broken Glass," when Nazis terrorized Jews throughout Germany and Austria.

Some 30 students from the Jewish Traditional School lit candles and recited prayers at their school as Rabbi Yehuda Teichtal urged them to jointly overcome Germany's past by building a secure future for Jews in the country.

"This is the city where the Holocaust was planned and executed from," said Teichtal, a community rabbi and the head of the Jewish outreach group Chabad in the German capital.

"What better answer is there than that, in this very city, the students of the Jewish school from Berlin



Rabbi Yehuda Teichtal, center, light candles with students during an event to commemorate the victims of the Nov. 9, 1938 terror against the Jews in Germany at the Jewish Traditional School in Berlin, Wednesday, Nov. 7, 2018.

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should jointly pray and light candles showing that the answer to darkness and the evil of the past is to create education for the present and the future," he said.

Eighty years ago this week, on Nov. 9, 1938, the Nazis killed at least 91 people,

burned down hundreds of synagogues, vandalized and looted 7,500 Jewish businesses, and arrested up to 30,000 Jewish men, many of whom were taken away to concentration camps.

On Wednesday, students

assembled under a maple tree in front of their school building. They prayed in Hebrew and German and lit six white candles to commemorate the synagogues that were burned down, as well as the 6 million people who perished in the Holocaust.

"I lost a big part of my family ... my great-grandparents, their siblings, and therefore it is all very special for me," said 15-year-old student Clara Eljaschewitsch. "It is sad ... I think a lot about it." Kristallnacht — which got its name for the shattered glass from Jewish-owned store windows that covered German streets — is often referred to as the beginning of the Holocaust. Still it would be years before the Nazis formally adopted their "Final Solution" for the Jews of Europe, which would evolve into a policy of mass murder.

Teichtal also condemned the synagogue shooting in Pittsburgh last month in which 11 people were gunned down in the deadliest attack on Jews in U.S. history.

"It's a terrible shock ... for the Jewish community worldwide. And it shows once again that the ugly head of anti-Semitism can show itself anywhere in the world and we have to actively combat it," he said.

Berlin's top security official took a step in this direction on Wednesday, banning a far-right protest planned for Friday, the exact anniversary of Kristallnacht.

In explaining his decision, state interior minister Andreas Geisel said such a demonstration would "in a blatant way negate the moral and ethical significance of this memorial day," the German news agency dpa reported. □



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Tusk, May speak on Brexit amid hopes of elusive breakthrough

By JILL LAWLESS
Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — British Prime Minister Theresa May and European Council President Donald Tusk spoke by phone Wednesday amid signs of movement in deadlocked Brexit talks.

Tusk tweeted that the pair spoke "to take stock of progress in #brexit talks and discuss way ahead." Tusk has said he is willing to call a special EU summit if there are new proposals from Britain to unblock talks.

May's Cabinet has been inching closer to agreeing a common stance on the key issue — maintaining an open border between EU member Ireland and the U.K.'s Northern Ireland after Britain leaves the EU. The emerging plan involves keeping the U.K. in a customs union with the EU until a permanent trade treaty is worked out, to remove the



Finland's Prime Minister Juha Sipilä, left, welcomes European Council President Donald Tusk at the Prime Minister's official residence Kesaranta in Helsinki, Finland, Wednesday Nov. 7, 2018.

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need for border checks. But some pro-Brexit Cabinet ministers want to see legal advice drawn up by Attorney General Geoffrey Cox before they agree to anything. They fear Britain being locked permanently into a customs union with the EU, which would limit the U.K.'s ability to strike new trade deals around

the world. Opposition Labour Party spokesman Keir Starmer also said the legal advice should be published, because "the public have the right to know precisely what the Cabinet has signed up to and what the implications are for the future." Britain is due to leave the EU on March 29, but di-

vorce negotiations have been hamstrung by divisions within May's Conservative government over how close an economic relationship to seek with the bloc. Some ministers, including Treasury chief Philip Hammond, want to keep closely aligned with EU rules to avoid barriers to business

with Britain's biggest trading partner. Pro-Brexit Cabinet members want a cleaner break so that the U.K. can set its own trade policies and sign new deals around the world.

A document leaked to the BBC suggests the government hopes to bridge the Cabinet divide and strike a deal this month, which would then be put to lawmakers for approval.

The memo describes how May would try to win parliamentary and public support for an agreement before urging lawmakers to "put the country's interests first" and back the deal in Parliament. The document appears to consist of notes rather than a finished proposal. May's office did not deny it was genuine but said the document's "childish language" and misspellings made clear it "doesn't represent the government's thinking." □

Madagascar starts counting ballots in presidential race

By LAETITIA BEZAIN
Associated Press

TOAMASINA, Madagascar (AP) — Vote counting started Wednesday evening in Madagascar where citizens cast their ballots with hopes that a new leader will take this Indian Ocean island nation out of chronic poverty and corruption. Polls closed at 5 p.m. local time (1800GMT) after a day of generally calm and uneventful voting.

The 36 presidential candidates have all promised to improve the country's economy, create new jobs and end graft, but the three leaders in the race are familiar faces who offer little chance of a dramatic change, say political analysts.



Presidential hopeful Andry Rajoelina, casts his vote at a polling station in Antananarivo, Madagascar, Wednesday, Nov. 7, 2018

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"I was looking forward to this election because the misery in Madagascar is everywhere! Our country is rich! Why are the Malagasy people, for the most

part, poor?" said Judith Rasolofo, 52, a housewife with five children. "I want to see something new in Madagascar!" Bruno Bezara said he came

to vote first thing in the morning.

"I was in a hurry to come and vote because it's very important," said Bezara, 65. "I want change because there are many things that do not work in our country." The winner must take more than 50 percent of the votes cast and with such a large number of candidates, it is likely the race will go to a second round, scheduled for Dec. 19.

The three former presidents who are the leading candidates have all voted. Former President Marc Ravalomanana, who ruled between 2002 and 2009, voted in his Faravohitra neighborhood, in the center of the capital, Antananarivo. Andry Rajoelina, who was

president during the transitional period of 2009 to 2013, voted in the capital's Ambatobe district.

And former president Hery Rajaonarimampianina, who led the country from 2013 to 2018, also voted in the Antananarivo. According to Madagascar's laws, Rajaonarimampianina resigned in order to campaign, leaving the country to be run by the president of the senate.

Voting took place normally in the center of Toamasina, a large port city on the east coast of the island.

With an estimated 76 percent of its 25 million people in extreme poverty, Madagascar is one of the world's poorest countries, according to the World Bank. □



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Guam Catholic church to file bankruptcy amid abuse lawsuits

By CALEB JONES

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Associated Press

HAGATNA, Guam (AP) — Guam's Catholic church will file for bankruptcy — a move that will allow the archdiocese to avoid trial in dozens of lawsuits alleging child sexual abuse by priests and move toward settlements.

Archbishop Michael Byrnes announced Wednesday that mediation efforts that began in September led the church to bankruptcy.

"This path will bring the greatest measure of justice to the greatest number of victims," Byrnes said. "That's the heart of what we're doing."

Byrnes said the bankruptcy will provide "finality for victim survivors that they've



In this November 2014 file photo, Archbishop Anthony Apuron stands in front of the Dulce Nombre de Maria Cathedral Basilica in Hagatna, Guam.

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been heard and understood."

Attorney Leander James, who is working with alleged victims in Guam, said in a statement the move will help resolve current lawsuits from more than 180 claims of abuse through

settlements.

"We welcome the announcement," James said in a statement. "Bankruptcy provides the only realistic path to settlement of pending and future claims."

James says the bankruptcy will create a deadline for

victims to file claims.

"This bankruptcy filing will automatically stop any further action in the lawsuits that have been filed, and it will create a deadline for all Guam clergy abuse victims to file claims," James said. "It will be important for those who have not come forward to do so and file their claim."

Guam attorney Anthony Perez, who is also representing victims, says the bankruptcy does not mean the archdiocese will be shuttered.

"Just because the archdiocese is filing for bankruptcy does not mean it will go out of business," Perez said. "In my discussions with attorneys from my team with extensive experience in these types of bankruptcies, this

filing will allow the archdiocese to reorganize and still be operational after the claims are paid and the bankruptcy is closed."

Earlier this year the Vatican removed the suspended Guam archbishop from office and ordered him not to return to the Pacific island after convicting him of some charges in a Vatican sex abuse trial.

The Vatican didn't say what exactly Archbishop Anthony Apuron had been convicted of, and the sentence was far lighter than those given high-profile elderly prelates found guilty of molesting minors.

Apuron, who has denied the allegations and has not been criminally charged, is 72. The Vatican retirement age is 75. □

Japan med school to admit dozens of unfairly rejected women

By MARI YAMAGUCHI

Associated Press

TOKYO (AP) — A Japanese medical university that acknowledged systematically discriminating against female applicants announced Wednesday plans to accept more than 60 who were unfairly rejected over the past two years. The discriminatory policy at Tokyo Medical University surfaced earlier this year, triggering national outrage. The school acknowledged in August that it has been reducing female applicants' entrance exam scores for years to keep the numbers of female students low. They said wom-

en tend to quit as doctors after starting families, causing staffing shortages at a school-affiliated hospital. The university said it will offer to enroll 67 female applicants who were eliminated due to the exam manipulation.

University President Yukiko Hayashi apologized for the school's discriminatory policy.

"We will conduct fair entrance exams and never let the inappropriate practice be repeated," she said. "Nobody should be discriminated against because of gender."

In Japan, women are still considered responsible for

homemaking, childrearing and elderly care, while men are expected to work long hours and outside care services are limited.

The scandal prompted speculation that other medical schools may also follow similar practices.

Hayashi, who became university president in September following her predecessor's resignation over a bribery allegation that led to exposure of the exam manipulation, said she was shocked by the large number of women who were denied entry.

It isn't clear how many women will accept the school's offer and enroll. □



Tokyo Medical University President Yukiko Hayashi, right, speaks during a press conference in Tokyo, Wednesday, Nov. 7, 2018.

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Warsaw mayor bans far-right Nov. 11 Independence Day march

By VANESSA GERA

WARSAW, Poland (AP)

— The mayor of Warsaw banned a march that radical Polish nationalists planned on the centennial of Polish independence, saying Wednesday she made the decision due to security concerns and to curb "aggressive nationalism."

Mayor Hanna Gronkiewicz-Waltz said she wanted to put a stop to the extremist displays that have appeared at far-right marches that have drawn tens of thousands to the streets of the capital on Poland's Nov. 11 Independence Day holiday.

At last year's march, some people carried racist and anti-Islamic banners calling for a "White Europe" and displayed white supremacist symbols like the Celtic Cross.

The event drew international criticism. Lawmakers in the European Parliament called the participants "fascists" — a label that infuriated the conservative, populist Polish government, whose leaders said most people marched with the national flag and without the racist banners. They mostly praised the march as an expression of patriotism, with one minister calling it a "beautiful sight."



In this Saturday, Nov. 11, 2017, file photo, Demonstrators burn flares and wave Polish flags during the annual march to commemorate Poland's National Independence Day in Warsaw, Poland.

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This year, Poland is celebrating the centenary of its independence, gained in 1918 at the end of World War I.

"This is not how the celebrations should look on the 100th anniversary of regaining our independence," Gronkiewicz-Waltz told a news conference. "Warsaw has suffered enough because of aggressive nationalism."

Gronkiewicz-Waltz, with the opposition centrist Civic Platform party, noted that

the chief organizer of the Warsaw march is a leader of the National Radical Camp. The group traces its roots to an anti-Semitic movement of the 1930s. She said she has asked the government to outlaw it but has been ignored.

A similar ban was announced Tuesday by the mayor of the western Polish city of Wroclaw, who cited the risk that participants might incite racial and ethnic hatred.

The bans followed signals

that extremists from elsewhere in Europe planned to travel to Poland for Sunday's march in Warsaw. Mass walk-outs by Polish police officers in recent days also raised concerns that clashes between participants and counter-protesters could get out of hand without enough officers to intervene.

Authorities in the two Polish cities are being praised by some for trying to push back against extremism but are being accused by

others of suppressing free speech. Some commentators argued the bans could backfire by energizing nationalists even more.

Organizers denounced the bans, calling them illegal and vowing to appeal them. Some said they would march anyway. In Wroclaw, an organizer, former priest Jacek Miedlar, wrote on Twitter that "no leftie or Jew will forbid us from this!"

Still, many other Poles resent how the nationalists in recent years have managed to draw so much attention on Independence Day, overshadowing other celebrations.

In a sign of the seriousness of the developments, President Andrzej Duda and Prime Minister Mateusz Morawiecki were meeting Wednesday afternoon to discuss the implications of the Warsaw mayor's ban.

Morawiecki said earlier that government representatives would not take part in the march because "provocateurs" could show up. The government had held meetings with nationalists in hopes of making the march a state event. But talks collapsed because nationalists refused a government demand to have no banners, just the national flag, Morawiecki said. □

Russia marks anniversary of 1941 military parade

By VLADIMIR ISACHENKOV

Associated Press

MOSCOW (AP) — Thousands of troops in World War II uniform marched across Moscow's Red Square on Wednesday in a re-enactment of a historic wartime parade.

On Nov. 7, 1941, Red Army soldiers marched directly to the front line during the Battle of Moscow to repel the invading Nazi forces closing in on the Soviet capital. Moscow Mayor Sergei Sobyenin said the 1941 parade was "a symbol of courage and faith," paving way for "the first difficult step toward victory over the Nazis."

The Nazis closed in on Mos-

cow in early October 1941 after quickly seizing huge chunks of Soviet territory and inflicting huge losses to the Red Army after invading the Soviet Union on June 22, 1941. In some sectors at the front, Nazi troops came as close as 30 kilometers (20 miles) to the Russian capital.

But the Nazi offensive lost its momentum in mid-October as it faced adverse weather and logistics challenges, allowing the Soviet command to bring in reinforcements and strengthen the city's defenses.

As the fate of Moscow was still hanging in the balance, Soviet leader Josef Stalin ordered the Nov. 7 parade



Russian soldiers dressed in Red Army World War II uniforms march during the Nov. 7 parade in Red Square, in Moscow, Russia, Wednesday, Nov. 7, 2018.

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to boost the troops' morale. The parade has acquired a major symbolic signifi-

cance, becoming a show of Soviet determination and resolve.

The Battle of Moscow marked the first time since the start of the Nazi invasion of the Soviet Union when the Red Army managed to stop the advancing Nazi forces and drive them back. It was the first major Nazi defeat since the start of World War II.

Wednesday's re-enactment featured about 5,000 troops in period uniforms, vintage T-34 tanks and other WW II weapons.

During Soviet times, annual military parades were held on Nov. 7 to commemorate the 1917 Bolshevik Revolution. The holiday was abolished in 2005, but many older Russians still celebrate it. □

Cuban dancers return to island that once spurned them

HAVANA (AP) — As a young dancer compared with ballet legends Vaslav Nijinsky and Mikhail Baryshnikov, Rolando Sarabia made headlines around the world when he abandoned Cuba in 2005 for a career in the United States. He didn't dance in his homeland for 13 years, banned as part of a wider Cuban punishment of citizens who illegally left the country.

Still lean and powerful at 36, a company dancer for The Washington Ballet, Sarabia stalked across the stage last month in the starring male role in "Giselle" at Cuba's National Theater. Asked about his feelings upon performing once again in Cuba, he began to cry.

Sarabia and four other renowned defectors from the Cuban National Ballet took the stage at the 26th Havana International Ballet Festival as part of a wide-ranging and profound reconciliation between Cuba and its millions of expatriates and exiles around the world.

"Happiness, happiness. I just don't have any other words," Sarabia's brother and fellow dance star Daniel told The Associated Press after a rehearsal of the "Grand Pas Classique." "This is something big. Global stars have come but even more important are those of us who've left. This is my audience, my Cuban audience."

The country did away with the hated "white card" exit permit in 2013, allowing Cubans to leave freely for any country that would grant a visa. The change un-



In this Oct. 30, 2018 photo, Cuban expatriate ballet dancers Rolando Sarabia and Yanela Piñera, left, take a selfie in Havana, Cuba.

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leashed a wave of emigration that continues to this day, with tens of thousands leaving annually for destinations around the world. Also in 2013, Cuba allowed citizens to retain all of their rights — from free health care to owning property — as long as they at least briefly returned every two years.

Those 2013 changes unleashed an opposite wave of more than 40,000 Cubans who have repatriated and reclaimed the same rights as residents. At the same time, Cuba's state-controlled cultural and sports institutions began opening to stars who left, allowing musicians who went abroad like singers Isaac Delgado, Kelvis Ochoa, Decemer Bueno and Raul Paz to live and perform in Cuba again, and welcoming baseball

players like Dodger Yasiel Puig at official state events. Cuba's relationship with its citizens overseas remains highly fraught and painful in many circumstances, particularly for families who left the height of the revolution — publicly cursed in state-organized "acts of repudiation," with their life's work confiscated by the state and handed over to strangers. Many Cubans abroad have sworn never to return while the island's Communist government remains in power.

But tens of thousands of others are reconciling with the state. They include Rolando Sarabia; his brother Daniel of the Maurice Bejart Ballet in Switzerland; San Francisco ballet dancer Taras Domitro; Marize Fumero of the Milwaukee Ballet; Carlos Quenedit of the Houston Ballet; and

retired star Lorna Feijo, a fierce critic of 96-year-old Cuban ballet director Alicia Alonso. Their return is one of the most symbolically charged reconciliations, given the immense importance Cuba places on its prestigious state-run ballet program.

The stars' return began during the warming between Cuba and the United States begun by presidents Barack Obama and Raul Castro in December 2014. A year or two later, a Cuban ballet official traveled to Miami and met with a group of former national dancers, who said they wanted to return to perform in Cuba.

The dancers wrote a letter requesting permission and, unlike in previous years, ballet director Alonso and the then-Minister of Culture expressed no objection to the

dancers' return, according to a Cuban official with knowledge of the process who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to discuss the process. The plans were not derailed by the broader chilling of relations under President Donald Trump, who has tightened regulations on travel to Cuba and hardened official discourse toward the island.

"This is the correct path," said Domitro, who defected during a tour of Canada in 2007, one of the highest-profile departures from Alonso's company. "We're talking about ballet; we have nothing to do with politics."

Cuba continues to try to repair relations with expatriates despite the chilling of relations with the country that's home to 1.5 million of the 2 million living Cubans outside the island, a number one-fifth the size of the country's actual population.

Foreign Minister Bruno Rodriguez announced last year that Cuba would be slightly easing onerous documentation requirements for returning Cubans, and easing the process of obtaining citizenship for children born overseas.

In September, President Miguel Diaz-Canel held high-profile meetings with expatriate Cubans in New York, including many who have been criticized by hard-liners on the island.

Diaz-Canel said the expatriate community had become ideologically diverse and an important source of support for Cuba.

"We're counting on you," he said. "We are all Cuba." □



Haitian migrants wait to register for repatriation, at a local gym in Santiago, Chile, Wednesday, Nov. 7, 2018.

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Chile repatriates Haitian migrants

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SANTIAGO, Chile (AP) — Chile has flown 176 Haitians on a voluntary return to their home country as part of a program to reduce the number of unsuccessful migrants in the country.

The Chilean Air Force flight is the first of several planned. So far, 1,087 Hai-

tians have signed up for the free return.

Interior Ministry Undersecretary Rodrigo Ubilla says about 150,000 Haitians came to Chile during the 2014-2018 term of former President Michelle Bachelet — a number he said was too many for the economy of Chile, a country of some

18 million people.

New center-right President Sebastian Pinera has tightened visa and other requirements.

Some of the Haitians returning Wednesday said they had been unable to find work, struggled with Spanish or disliked the cold Chilean winter. □

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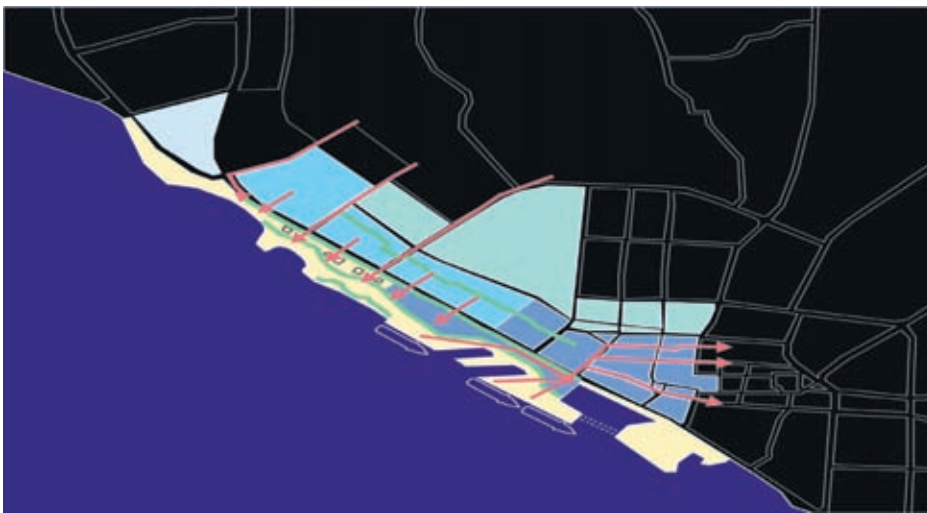


The History and Future of Eagle

EAGLE — Eight students of SUS-Ateliers of Hogeschool Rotterdam have been doing a study case on the History of Eagle and how to stimulate new development in this area without losing its history.

For the 5th year in-a-row, students from Hogeschool Rotterdam are in Aruba. This time they are focusing on the neighborhood of Eagle.

For a 2-week period, they have received lectures from people and different organizations such as The Monument Bureau, TNO, Fundacion Museo Arubano, Jaap Beaujon, Aruba Ports Authority, the Academy of Fine Arts & Design, House of Mosaic and Monument Funds Aruba to collect as much information as possible on this neighborhood. On Monday November



5th, 2018, the House of Mosaic organized a carousel where five aspects of Eagle were presented.

The first aspect was the bundle of lost history of the area of Eagle. This book was handed over to the Minister of Culture. The second aspect is the development of the harbor area in Oranjestad. Currently the plan is to fill the space with buildings. This would be a good time to connect Eagle, Madiki, Rancho and downtown Oranjestad with the the ocean. In this manner, the entire area will be upgraded.

The third aspect is to revive the history of Eagle. Bringing back the

old memories through a route that connects the " 'Taratata wharf' where the headquarters used to be, the refinery, the old piers stood and other uplifting elements.

The last two aspects are the upgrading from the old Eagle area to a new one. Including all elements from old times such as fishery and petroleum into the planning of this new area with the main focus to maintain the history of this area alive. During the two weeks in Aruba there were many feasibility studies made in order to have Oranjestad reconnect to the sea and to relive the history of Eagle. □

World's Largest Rabbinic Gathering Honored the Victims of Pittsburgh Massacre



NOORD, ARUBA — Earlier this week, Rabbi Ahron Blasberg, of Chabad Aruba, joined 4,700 rabbis and communal leaders from all 50 U.S. states and more than 101 countries, hailing from as far away as Laos and Angola, Ghana and Uzbekistan, at the International Conference of Chabad-Lubavitch Emissaries (Kinus Hashluchim) in Brooklyn, N.Y.

The annual event, the largest Jewish gathering in North America, came just days after the horrific anti-Semitic shooting in Pittsburgh that left 11 dead and as the Chabad-Lubavitch movement marks nearly ten years since the murder of Rabbi Gabi and Rivky Holtzberg, directors of Chabad-Lubavitch of Mumbai, in the 2008 terrorist attacks in Mumbai.

"The conference inspires me and Rabbis worldwide, and gives us the necessary tools to work with our communities," says Rabbi Blasberg. "Every moment was spent networking, learning, and gaining professional development in so many areas."

The rabbis—each embracing multiple roles and responsibilities—explored relevant issues, and learn from professionals and colleagues with years of experience. The topics covered run the gamut of their concerns: combating antisemitism; counseling and guiding congregations in the aftermath of the Pittsburgh attacks; synagogue security; the opioid epidemic; mental health; stemming the tide of assimilation; counseling troubled relationships; inclusion; and a conference within the conference for rabbis who

serve students on college campuses, ensuring a lasting impact on the next generation.

They continue the legacy of the Rebbe, Rabbi Me-nachem M. Schneerson, of righteous memory, who spearheaded a global Jewish revival after the Holocaust. Universally known simply as the Rebbe, Rabbi Schneerson is considered the most influential rabbi in modern history. Although he passed away 24 years ago, the Rebbe's legacy

remains as vibrant as ever. His teachings continue to be a guiding force as a new generation, of both Jews and non-Jews, seeks to positively change the world for the better.

The conference included an emotional memorial for the victims of the Pittsburgh Massacre. In Aruba, the Pittsburgh Massacre was commemorated with a Memorial Service and Mitzvah Campaign in honor of the victims. □



ArubaCoin: A Social Experiment, Just Like Bitcoin

ORANJESTAD – New initiatives give energy, but you need to understand them to be willing to participate. Aruba Today had the pleasure to interview the people of ArubaCoin, out of curiosity about the new cryptocurrency.

What is ArubaCoin and how does it work?

"ArubaCoin is a decentralized social cryptocurrency, there is no central authority. It's an ERC-20 on the ethereum block chain. The benefit of that is, ArubaCoin can be sent and received on any ethereum wallet. Transaction fees are paid in ether and it is supported by popular hardware wallets Ledger and Trezor. You control your wealth by controlling the private key, which you can backup numerous ways and multiple times. It's an open source and fully auditable on the block chain. Anybody and everybody can contribute." "It's also programmable money so there are allot of use-cases, ArubaCoin could have numerous purposes:

- 1) means of cheap and instant exchange without any 3rd party involved
- 2) e-commerce and online platforms instant payments without the risk of charge-backs
- 3) a censorship resistant scarce digital asset
- 4) financial sovereignty
- 5) automated settlement layer

It's a new technology that many still don't understand nor need to. Many don't understand what TCP/IP is but you use it every day, it's called the internet. Eventually the user-experiences will be seamless and you won't know you are using cryptocurrency in the backend of an application. Many are skeptical of Bitcoin or ArubaCoin which is very normal if you don't fully understand the fundamentals. Cryptocurrency



ArubaCoin

cryptocurrency

was created out of necessity to solve a problem."

"ArubaCoin did 2 rounds of free Airdrops to the Aruban Community where hundreds of participants received free 200 ArubaCoin (at today's market price \$2.30 = \$460) and 50 ArubaCoin airdrops current total value of \$115. This is how we wanted to reach broad distribution for the local Aruban community. And in this way create a low barrier of entry for the rest of the community."

Who started ArubaCoin and with what purpose?

"ArubaCoin has the same mystique that Bitcoin has, nobody knows who the creators of the genesis block are, which eventually doesn't matter. It's a grassroots project, it's been released for the public. The community has grown substantially, from bitcoin advocates to Aruban cryptocurrency community members. The same as Satoshi Nakamoto left bitcoin to the community members, this happened to ArubaCoin also. The purpose is to solve a problem and have an alternative. A social experiment just like bitcoin."

What is your goal with Arubacoin?

"The goal of the ArubaCoin community in general is to have a wide adoption and active community and slowly but surely grow the eco-system. Sustainability is priority. An easy and instant means of exchange. Physically bringing cash is costly and timely, while local bank

transfers takes 2 days."

How many and which companies work with ArubaCoin so far?

"Currently in Aruba there are 16 businesses accepting ArubaCoin: Linda's Dutch Pancakes
Aruba E-Bike Tours
Casalina Garden Apartments
New Image Spa Aruba @ Barcelo Hotel
Alfie's Burger joint & Bar
Mi Desayuno Restaurant
Cunucu 297
Tennis School Aruba Palm Beach
ArubaCanoe water activities & paddle school
Motivami
Dog Hotel Aruba
Gomes Air-conditioning & services
InvenTech Aruba
Best Buy Family Store

It's listed on 2 exchanges: EtherDelta exchange and ForkDelta exchange. And listed on CoinMarketWatch.com for market cap and price ticker, market indicators. GetDelta app also for price ticker."

Where can people find information?

"You can find more information at www.arubacoin.org and follow our Facebook community page or telegram group."

Do you have cooperation with other digital currency?

"The community members and developers are community members of bitcoin and other coins like zcoin and ethereum, so yes we have collaborations with broad spectrum of

prominent developers and community members in the space."

What can you say about the comments that digital currency comes with high energy costs?

"High energy cost will depend on which algorithm/mining hardware your talking about (asic). The high energy cost is based on the countries where nobody mines because it would be unprofitable. The POW (proof of work) algorithm which bitcoin is working on miners are using green cheap energy where there is excess electricity, like Iceland and China. ArubaCoin is built on ethereum and does not use the sha-256 algorithm that bitcoin uses. And soon the protocol should be switching to PoS which is more energy efficient."

Why would people choose for digital currency? How would tourists benefit from this?

"Most adoption it's fueled by necessity, if it solves a problem there will be users and growth. And we see many opportunities and use-cases that can be used with it, that otherwise could not be accomplished. We are focused on the local community and ecosystem, tourist are not the priority. Of course you have Aruban community members that live abroad, those are already participating in ArubaCoin, they also have a unique use-case because they could send \$10 from Europe instantly and the received can pay their bill instantly, within minutes.

ArubaCoin is very new, we do not recommend anybody to take this as an investment advice. Bitcoin, ArubaCoin or any cryptocurrency can be HIGHLY volatile, we do not recommend anybody buying cryptocurrency without doing due diligence how to use it. If you lose your private key or password or don't properly back it up, nobody can retrieve those coins." □

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Here's why: Aruba Today collected some things to do BEYOND the beach. Yes, we know. Aruba, located 15 miles north of Venezuela in the warm waters of the southern Caribbean, is home to beautiful white-sand beaches, 82-degree days, and thus ideal for the perfect beach day. But we are also blessed with some of the warmest people in the world and our island is 19.6 miles long and 6 miles across, with a total area of 70 square miles. Bit more to discover than the white stretch on the coastline we say. Let's mention some of these hidden gems.

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way or another this park is a great place to spend an entire day. Cruising through the landscape you end up at some of the most stunning beaches like Dos Playa or Daimara Beach. In Total the park consists of 7907 acres protected nature with a richness of animals living in it. The Aruban whip-tail lizard (cododo), Aruban cat eye snake (santanero) and endangered rattle snake (cascabel) are just some of them, you can also admire these close in the park's Visitors' Center. For more information, visit the website www.arubanationalpark.org



Philip's Animal Garden

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The Lighthouse

No, you would not think of this as a hidden gem. The California Lighthouse is actually one of the most known highlights in Aruba and many repeated guests most probably took the ride uphill already. But, there is a significant change to this tower. Since September 2016 you can climb the top. In 2015 Stichting Monumentenfonds started the

restoration of the California Lighthouse. The project finished in September 2016 and the Lighthouse is now open for visitors to enjoy the beautiful view from the top. The construction of the California Lighthouse started in 1915. The name 'California' came from a vessel of the West India Company and Pacific Steamship Co. called 'California' that shipwrecked in the area in 1891. Therefore they came up with the idea of building a lighthouse that could indicate the island's eastern tip to ships with its light. www.arubalighthouse.com will give you more information. □

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Harvick's Championship berth spoiled by NASCAR inspectors

By JENNA FRYER
CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Kevin Harvick's bid for a second NASCAR title suffered a massive setback Wednesday when he was stripped of his berth in the championship race because his winning car failed inspection after Texas Motor Speedway. The discovery of an illegally modified spoiler, made during a detailed post-race inspection after the No. 4 Ford returned to NASCAR's Research and Development Center following Sunday's race, negates the automatic berth Harvick earned into the final four. The rule violated states that spoilers must be used exactly as supplied from the manufacturer and not altered. On top of losing his spot in next weekend's finale at Homestead-Miami Speedway, Harvick must also close out the final two races of the season without crew chief Rodney Childers and car chief Robert Smith. Both were suspended for two races, and Childers also was fined \$75,000. Harvick was docked 40 driver points, and Stewart-Haas Racing was docked 40 owner points as well.

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LIGHTNING STRIKE



Kucherov, Vasilevskiy help Lightning beat Oilers 5-2

Tampa Bay Lightning defenseman Ryan McDonagh (27), defenseman Anton Stralman (6) and center Steven Stamkos (91) celebrate a goal by right wing Nikita Kucherov (86) during the third period of the team's NHL hockey game against the Edmonton Oilers on Tuesday, Nov. 6, 2018, in Tampa, Fla.

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Inexperienced U.S. faces weakened Czechs in Fed Cup final

PRAGUE (AP) — United States captain Kathy Rinaldi has had a winning formula since taking over the Fed Cup team, and she's not expected to change anything in this year's final against the Czech Republic.

Under her charge since 2017, the U.S. has won five straight matches, including last year's final against Belarus.

"Being a captain for last year and this year, every match you go into it you never underestimate any team," Rinaldi said Wednesday ahead of the weekend final on an indoor hard court at the O2 Arena in Prague.

"These are the two teams with most history in Fed Cup, the best record, so it's very exciting. We're honored and humble to be here. For me as a captain to be in the second final is absolutely incredible."

On the way to the final, the Americans defeated the Netherlands 3-1 and France 3-2. But they have to rely on a different team in Prague.

After four of the top five U.S. women in the WTA singles rankings — the Williams sis-



U.S. captain Kathy Rinaldi, left, talks to Danielle Rose Collins, right, during a training session prior to the final match of the Fed Cup between Czech Republic and USA in Prague, Czech Republic, Wednesday, Nov. 7, 2018.

Associated Press

ters, Sloane Stephens and Madison Keys — decided to skip the final, three players on the team have yet to play a Fed Cup match.

The 18-time champions have Danielle Collins as the highest-ranked player at No. 36, along with 52nd-ranked Sofia Kenin and 63rd-ranked Alison Riske.

Nicole Melichar is ranked 15th in doubles.

"In sports, any given Sunday, anything can happen," said Melichar, who was born in the second largest Czech city of Brno but has been living in the United States her whole life. "We have a great team, we're going to go out and

we're going to fight."

The Czechs have more reasons to worry about their sixth final in eight years.

After No. 8 Karolina Pliskova was ruled out of the final with calf muscle and wrist injuries on Saturday, Czech Republic captain Petr Pala had some more bad news to announce on Wednes-

day about Petra Kvitova.

"Petra had a fever," Pala said. "After an agreement with the doctors we decided she wouldn't be training (today)."

However, Pala added: "Nothing suggests she wouldn't be available for the weekend."

Missing Kvitova would be a blow for the Czech hopes. She contributed to all five previous titles, reaching fourth place among players with the most Fed Cup trophies.

Kvitova returned to the team this year after recovering from injuries she suffered during a knife attack at her home in December 2016 and won all her four singles matches on the way to the 3-1 victory over Switzerland in the first round and a 4-1 win over Germany in the semifinals.

Kvitova won five WTA tournaments in the first half of the year but lost all her group matches at the WTA Finals in Singapore last month.

The Czechs have the No. 1 doubles pair of Katerina Siniakova and Barbora Krejckova, and also 33rd-ranked Barbora Strycova available. □

U.S. women open Four Nations defense with 5-1 win over Finland

SASKATOON, Saskatchewan (AP) — Brianna Decker, Hilary Knight and Dani Cameranesi each had a goal and an assist to help the U.S. women's hockey team beat Finland 5-1 on Tuesday to open its defense of the Four Nations Cup.

It was the first game for the Americans since topping Canada 3-2 in a shootout to win Olympic gold in February. The U.S. had lost in four straight gold medal games against Canada since winning the first Olympic women's hockey tournament in 1998.

Decker claims she hasn't experienced the usual post-Olympic hangover, largely because the desire for more international success kept her motivated.

"It took us 20 years to finally



United States players celebrate a goal against Finland during the second period of a Four Nations Cup women's ice hockey game in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Tuesday, Nov. 6, 2018.

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reach that moment and feel that way," the 27-year-old said. "There was a point in the summer where, it wasn't a letdown, it was 'Hey, it's time to go, ramp it back up, prep for the season and be ready to go come fall."

"They always say once you're on top, it's harder to defend than it is to get to the top."

Sarah Brodt and Cayla Barnes also scored for the U.S., and Maddie Rooney made nine saves. Rooney was the winning goaltender

in the Olympic final in Pyeongchang, South Korea.

Veteran netminder Noora Raty was much busier, stopping 44 of 49 shots in the loss. Emma Nuutinen scored for Finland.

Trailing 1-0 despite outshooting the Finns 9-3 in the first period, the U.S. scored five unanswered goals in the second, starting with Decker's just 10 seconds in.

"This was a good first game for us," defender Kacey Bellamy said. "I think the first period was a little sloppy, but we're getting used to new systems and playing with a new group of players. I think we settled in coming into the second period and third." The U.S. has won the Four Nations tournament three straight years. This year's roster fea-

tures 16 members of the 2018 Olympic team.

In the late game, Melodie Daoust scored twice in Canada's 6-1 win over Sweden.

Sarah Fillier scored in her national-team debut and Laura Stacey scored short-handed for the host country at the SaskTel Centre. Captain Marie-Philip Poulin and Laura Fortino rounded out the scoring for Canada.

Rebecca Johnson assisted on three goals. Goaltender Shannon Szabados stopped 17 of 18 shots for the win.

Emma Nordin scored a power-play goal for Sweden in the third period. Goaltender Lovisa Selander, 22, stopped 46 of 52 shots in her first start for her country. □

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McCollum scores 40 as Trail Blazers beat Bucks 118-103

By The Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — CJ McCollum scored 40 points and the Portland Trail Blazers beat Milwaukee 118-103 on Tuesday night, handing the Bucks their second loss in 10 games this season.

McCollum, who entered shooting well below his career averages, went 17 for 26 from the field and added six assists. Evan Turner had 16 points and 11 rebounds off the bench for the Blazers (8-3).

Giannis Antetokounmpo led Milwaukee with 23 points and nine rebounds. Brook Lopez shot 6 for 10 from 3-point range and finished with 22 points.

In the third quarter, McCollum put on a show. He scored 19 points and made Bucks rookie guard Donte DiVincenzo fall down on a crossover move before hitting a basket, sending the crowd into a frenzy.

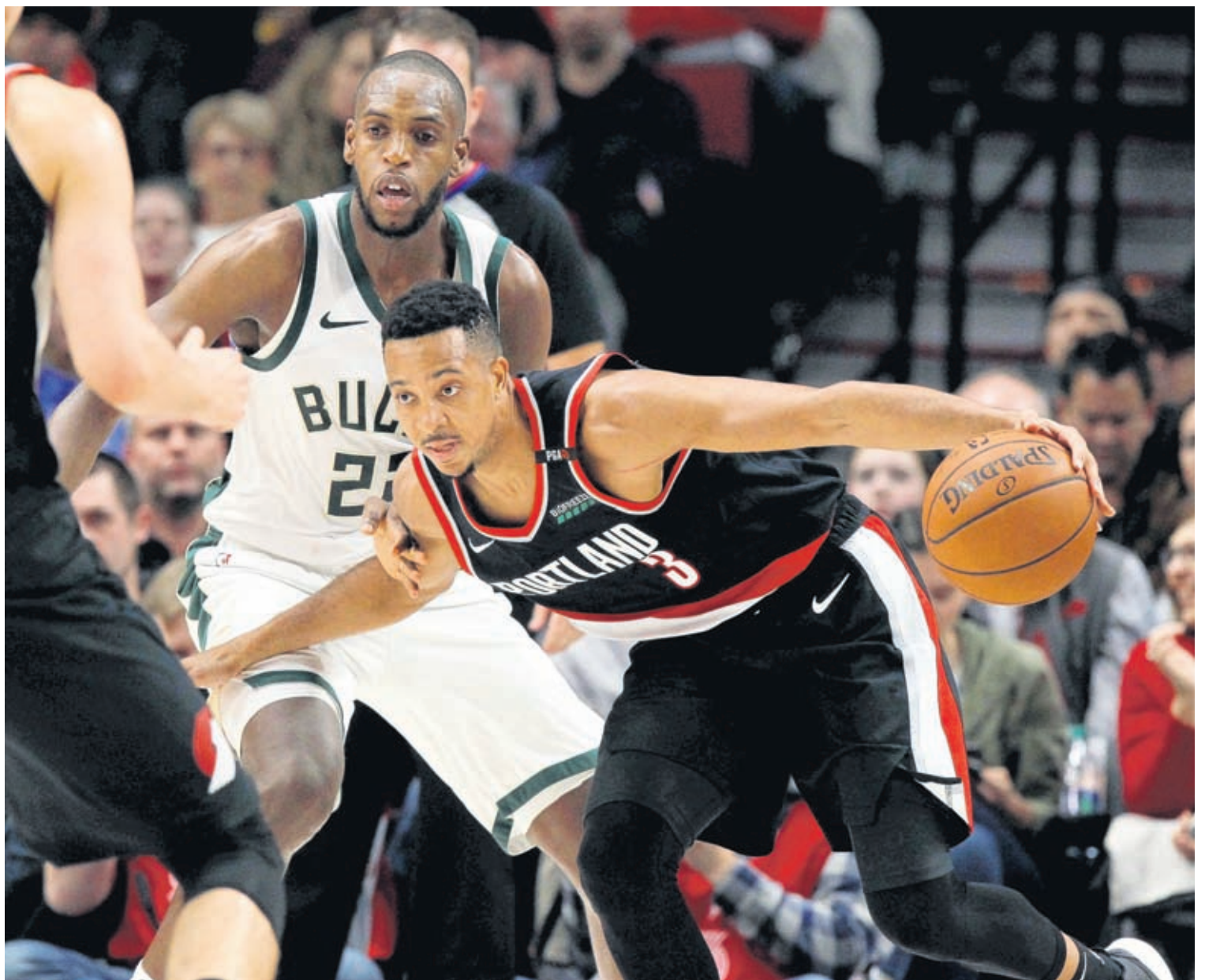
HORNETS 113, HAWKS 102

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Kemba Walker had 29 points and seven assists, extending his strong start to the season as Charlotte beat Atlanta.

Marvin Williams added 20 points for the Hornets (6-5), who won for the third time on a four-game homestand. Walker has scored 25 or more seven times in 11 games.

Jeremy Lamb and Malik Monk each had 13 points for Charlotte. Nic Batum scored 10.

Playing against his former team, Jeremy Lin had 19 points off the bench to lead the Hawks (3-7), who led by seven late in the first half.



Portland Trail Blazers guard CJ McCollum, right, drives against Milwaukee Bucks forward Khris Middleton during the second half of an NBA basketball game in Portland, Ore., Tuesday, Nov. 6, 2018. The Trail Blazers won 118-103.

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MAVERICKS 119, WIZARDS 100

DALLAS (AP) — Luka Dončić scored 23 points and Dennis Smith Jr. made three key plays down the stretch as Dallas ended a six-game losing streak.

It was the Mavericks' 16th win in their last 17 meetings with the Wizards. Wesley Matthews added 22 points for Dallas, and Harrison

Barnes had 19 points and 13 rebounds.

John Wall led the Wizards with 24 points. Otto Porter Jr. and Bradley Beal had 19 each, but Beal was 1 for 9 on 3-point attempts.

Washington trailed by 24 in the first half and 21 at half-time, but forced 11 Dallas turnovers in the second half and climbed back into the game behind its top three

players. The Wizards were within six when Smith scooted past Dwight Howard to grab an offensive rebound and fed a cutting DeAndre Jordan for a dunk that put the Mavs up 101-93 with 5:33 left.(backslash)

NETS 104, SUNS 82

PHOENIX (AP) — Caris LeVert scored 26 points, D'Angelo Russell added 15 and Brooklyn beat strug-

gling Phoenix.

The Nets won their third game in the past four, while the Suns have lost eight of nine. Devin Booker led Phoenix with 20 points but made just 6 of 21 shots. Deandre Ayton had 15 points and a season-high 13 rebounds. Brooklyn held the Suns to a season low in points and field goal shooting at 34.6 percent.□

Kucherov, Vasilevskiy lead NHL-best Lightning past Oilers

By The Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Nikita Kucherov had two goals and an assist, Andrei Vasilevskiy made 33 saves and the Tampa Bay Lightning beat the Edmonton Oilers 5-2 on Tuesday night.

Steven Stamkos had a goal and two assists, and Brayden Point and Yanni Gourde also scored for the Lightning, who have the best record in the NHL at 11-3-1.

Edmonton got goals from Ryan Strome and Leon Draisaitl, and Mikko Koskinen stopped 30 shots. Connor McDavid was kept off the scoresheet for just the second time this season as his eight-game point streak ended (six goals, five assists).

MAPLE LEAFS 3, GOLDEN KNIGHTS 1

TORONTO (AP) — Frederik Andersen made 36 saves to lift Toronto over Vegas.

Connor Brown, Mitch Marner and Nazem Kadri scored for the Maple Leafs (10-5-0). Brown also had an assist. Cody Eakin scored for the Golden Knights (6-8-1), who got 18 stops from Marc-Andre Fleury.

SENATORS 7, DEVILS 3

OTTAWA, Ontario (AP) — Mark Stone had two goals and three assists, Colin White scored twice and Ottawa beat New Jersey in the Senators' first game since the emergence of an embarrassing viral video.

The clip showed seven players during an Uber ride in Phoenix last month insulting the team and assistant coach Martin Raymond. Earlier in the day, Stone dismissed the latest Senators drama as a "hiccup" and said the team is already repairing the frayed relationship between players and coaches that was laid bare in the video.

Thomas Chabot, Ryan Dzingel and Magnus Paajarvi had the other goals for the Senators (6-6-3). Craig Anderson made 30 saves before he was replaced by Mike McKenna (six saves) for the final five minutes. Chabot also had two assists, and Matt Duchene had three.

Taylor Hall, Kyle Palmieri and



Tampa Bay Lightning goaltender Andrei Vasilevskiy (88) makes a save during the first period of an NHL hockey game against the Edmonton Oilers on Tuesday, Nov. 6, 2018, in Tampa, Fla.

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Travis Zajac scored for the Devils (6-6-1), who haven't won consecutive games since starting the season with four straight wins. Cory Schneider started in goal but was replaced by Keith Kinkaid in the second period after allowing four goals on 22 shots.

BLUE JACKETS 4, STARS 1

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Sergei Bobrovsky made 27 saves to lead Columbus past Dallas.

Anthony Duclair, Markus Nutivaara, Nick Foligno and Ryan Murray scored for the Blue Jackets, who snapped a two-game skid. Ben Bishop stopped 30 shots and Jamie Benn scored for the Stars, who lost their second straight after winning three in a row.

Bobrovsky, who has struggled lately, withstood a 6-on-5 surge after Dallas pulled Bishop late in the game.

RANGERS 5, CANADIENS 3

NEW YORK (AP) — Neal Pionk scored the tiebreak-

ing goal on a sensational, end-to-end rush late in the third period and New York rallied to beat Montreal for its fourth straight win.

Mika Zibanejad and Chris Kreider each had a goal and an assist, Tony DeAngelo and Pavel Buchnevich also scored, and Kevin Hayes had three assists for the Rangers. Henrik Lundqvist made 31 saves.

New York trailed 3-1 early in the second period before scoring the last four goals — three in the third.

Tomas Tatar had two goals and Max Domi also scored for the Canadiens, who were 7-3-1 in their previous 11 games. Brendan Gallagher and Jeff Petry each had two assists, and Carey Price stopped 27 shots.

RED WINGS 3, CANUCKS 2, SO

DETROIT (AP) — Dylan Larkin scored the only goal in a shootout to give Detroit a comeback win over Vancouver.

Justin Abdelkader and Gus-

tav Nyquist scored in regulation for the Red Wings, who have won four of five. Jimmy Howard stopped 40 shots before denying Elias Pettersson, Nikolay Goldobin and Bo Horvat in the tiebreaker.

Pettersson and defenseman Ben Hutton scored for the Canucks, who had won three straight. Jacob Markstrom made 28 saves.

BLUES 4, HURRICANES 1

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Ryan O'Reilly had his first NHL hat trick and Robby Fabbri added his first goal in almost two years, sending St. Louis over Carolina.

Chad Johnson, starting his second game of the season, made 38 saves in his first win since March 31, 2018, for Buffalo.

O'Reilly has five goals in the last four games. He extended his scoring streak to eight games, with seven goals and eight assists during that span.

Jacob Slavin scored his first goal of the season for

the Hurricanes, who out-shot the Blues 39-19. St. Louis had just seven shots after taking a 3-1 lead in the first period.

Carolina goalie Curtis McElhinney fell to 1-6-1 against the Blues in his career.

KINGS 4, DUCKS 1

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Ilya Kovalchuk had a goal and two assists, and Los Angeles opened the tenure of interim coach Willie Desjardins with a win over Anaheim.

Dustin Brown and Kyle Clifford scored first-period goals, while Jack Campbell made 30 saves and picked up his first career assist as the Kings comfortably won the first Freeway Faceoff of the season for these two struggling Southern California rivals. Desjardins has run just one practice since getting his new job Sunday after the Kings fired John Stevens early in his second season in charge.

Tyler Toffoli's empty-net goal clinched the Kings' first back-to-back victories of the season. Los Angeles has won three of four overall following a six-game skid with a huge boost from newcomer Kovalchuk, who has nine points during that four-game stretch.

Ryan Kesler scored and John Gibson stopped 23 shots for the injury-wracked Ducks, who have lost eight of nine and earned points in just three games during that span.

SHARKS 4, WILD 3

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — Marcus Sorenson had a goal and two assists as San Jose beat Minnesota.

Barclay Goodrow's second goal of the season broke a 3-all deadlock at 7:25 of the third period. Goodrow also had an assist and Martin Jones made 23 saves for the Sharks, who had dropped six straight to Minnesota. Joe Thornton and Antti Suomela scored the other San Jose goals.

Jared Spurgeon and Matt Dumba scored 2:05 apart for the Wild to tie it at 3 early in the third. Zach Parise also had a goal for Minnesota, and Devan Dubnyk turned back 18 shots.

Minnesota (8-4-2) had won seven of eight overall. □



In this Sunday, Nov. 4, 2018, file photo, New York Jets quarterback Sam Darnold (14) looks to pass, during the first half of an NFL football game against the Miami Dolphins in Miami Gardens, Fla.

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Jets' Darnold has injured foot, could miss game vs. Bills

By DENNIS WASZAK Jr.
AP Pro Football Writer
FLORHAM PARK, N.J. (AP)

— Sam Darnold appears headed for the sideline this week — and maybe longer.

The New York Jets rookie quarterback was surprisingly wearing a boot on his right foot at the start of practice Wednesday, leaving his status for the team's game Sunday against Buffalo in doubt.

The New York Daily News first reported that Darnold is dealing with a sprained foot and will miss the game. Coach Todd Bowles is scheduled to meet with the media after practice.

Darnold was injured during the Jets' 13-6 loss at Miami last Sunday, possibly on a fourth-quarter sack by Cameron Wake in which the quarterback came up limping. He finished the game, though, and said he was "a little dinged up," but didn't indicate he had any serious issues.

"Yeah, I feel fine," Darnold said Monday. "Some bumps and some bruises, but everything is good."

Bowles said Monday that Darnold had not expressed to him that he was "dinged up." Bowles typically speaks to the team's trainers later in the afternoon on the day after games.

"I didn't know he was ding-

ed at the time, but the injury report will be out Wednesday," Bowles said. "I'll have a better update then when I go down there."

If Darnold is unable to start, 39-year-old backup Josh McCown would take his place. McCown was the starter last season, but hasn't taken a snap this year as Darnold won the job out of training camp — beating out both McCown and Teddy Bridgewater.

At practice Wednesday, Darnold watched in sweats and a green Jets cap as McCown and Davis Webb, currently on the practice squad, threw passes in individual drills.

Darnold has struggled mightily during the Jets' three-game losing streak, and he leads the NFL with 14 interceptions.

The No. 3 overall draft pick in April has thrown for 1,934 yards and 11 touchdowns, but his 55.0 percent completion rate and 68.3 quarterback rating rank at the bottom of the league. In his past three games, Darnold has thrown two TD pass and seven interceptions.

The struggles had some fans and media wondering if perhaps Darnold would benefit from sitting a game or two.

Now, it appears he and the Jets might not have a choice. □



New Orleans Saints outside linebacker Demario Davis (56) celebrates after defeating the Los Angeles Rams in an NFL football game in New Orleans, Sunday, Nov. 4, 2018. The Saints won 45-35.

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Saints on top of latest Pro32 poll; KC, Pats tied for 2nd

By SIMMI BUTTAR
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Who Dat on top of the latest AP Pro32 rankings?

Drew Brees and the New Orleans Saints.

The Saints knocked off the Los Angeles Rams 45-35 on Sunday, handing them their first loss of the season. The Saints jumped three spots to No. 1 in the latest AP Pro32 poll. They received seven of 12 first-place votes and 377 points in balloting Tuesday by media members who regularly cover the NFL.

"Beat the Rams big time," Fox Sports' John Czarnecki said.

The Kansas City Chiefs and the surging New England Patriots are tied for No. 2.

The Patriots, who have won six in a row, got two first-place votes and the Chiefs received the remaining three, giving both teams 364 points.

"Andy Reid has been a terrific coach for so many years, but Patrick Mahomes' brilliance allows Reid's true play-calling talents shine through like never before," Newsday's Bob Glauber said of the Chiefs. The Rams fell from the top spot to No. 4. They will look to get back to their winning ways when they host NFC West rival Seattle on Sunday.

"Although they couldn't stop Drew Brees when it counted, the Rams are still in very good shape to secure an NFC playoff bye,"

said Ira Kaufman of Fox 13 in Tampa, Florida.

The Carolina Panthers and the LA Chargers followed at No. 5 and No. 6. The teams flipped spots from the previous poll.

The Pittsburgh Steelers, who open Week 10 when they host the Panthers on Thursday night, remained at No. 7.

The Minnesota Vikings and Houston Texans each moved up a spot to No. 8 and No. 9 as they enter their bye weeks. The Texans have won six in a row after a 0-3 start.

And the Chicago Bears climbed five spots to round out the top 10 after their 41-9 rout of the woeful Buffalo Bills. □

Athletes outraged at proposed age requirement for WADA prez

By EDDIE PELLIS

Three high-profile Olympic and Paralympic athletes are incensed over a proposed age minimum that would eliminate their choice to be the next president of the World Anti-Doping Agency.

A list of guidelines under consideration includes a requirement that any candidate to replace Craig Reedie be at least 45. Reedie's term expires next year.

That would eliminate 41-year-old Linda Helleland of Norway, who has emerged as a favorite among athletes who want to see radical change in WADA following the agency's much-criticized decision to reinstate Russia's anti-doping operation.

Members of Athletes for Clean Sport, Sebastian Samuelsson, Callum Skinner and Ali Jawad, released a statement this week calling the proposal "totally unacceptable."

"Given the recent direction of WADA and the lack of



In this March 13, 2017 file photo, Linda Hofstad Helleland, Vice-President of the world anti-doping agency, WADA, and Norway's Minister of Culture, attends a round-table event during the opening day of the 2017 world anti-doping agency annual symposium, at the Swiss Tech Convention Center, in Lausanne, Switzerland.

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who asked for the WADA office's help in distributing the information.

WADA will discuss its recently formulated proposals for governance reform, which have been criticized by athletes for not going far enough to bring their voices into the decision-making process. Those proposals include nothing about age limits for the president.

Helleland, who currently serves as WADA vice president, cast one of two dissenting votes when the WADA executive committee voted to reinstate Russia. She has been an outspoken critic of WADA's leadership and has presented herself as a candidate who would put athletes front and center in the WADA process.

The athletes said regardless of who came up with the idea, it represents a shifting of the goal posts as the campaign begins.

"Whether this move was initiated by WADA leadership or management, or whether it was initiated by members of WADA's Boards, this is irrelevant," they wrote. "It is WADA's duty to lead, and leadership requires having a finger on the pulse of public and athlete opinion." U.S. Anti-Doping Agency CEO Travis Tygart called it "an obvious attempt to rig the election so the reform candidates can't run."

"It's ludicrous," he said. "Joan of Arc turned a war around at 17 and Queen Elizabeth became queen at 25, but to be WADA president, you need to be 45? Wow. Only in IOC/WADA world does this occur." □

transparency that we have witnessed, is it merely a coincidence that just weeks before the athlete-minded candidate Linda Helleland would begin her campaign to be the next President, WADA could allow rules to be pushed through that would render Linda's campaign ineligible?" they wrote.

The proposal will be discussed at WADA's board meeting next week.

WADA officials say the proposal came not from their leadership, but from representatives of the international governments that provide half the agency's funding. "Neither WADA's leadership nor its management was involved or consulted in any way in the drafting of this document," spokesman James Fitzgerald said. "Any suggestion to the contrary is simply untrue." Fitzgerald said the document is not an agenda item for either the executive committee or the foundation board at next week's meetings, but will be discussed by representatives of the governments,

Pro riders union upset by doping control during cycling gala

By SAMUEL PETREQUIN

AP Sports Writer

PARIS (AP) — The professional cyclists' union is urging anti-doping authorities to treat athletes in a more respectful manner after a Belgian rider was forced to leave a cycling gala to follow anti-doping inspectors for an out-of-competition test.

Pieter Serry, who rides for the Quick Step team, missed the Gala of the Flandrien on Tuesday after doping inspectors came to the ceremony to take samples.

In a statement published Wednesday, the riders' association (CPA) complained about "another case of non-respect for the privacy of the riders" and criticized the odd timing of some doping controls.

"There have been cases reported where the rid-

ers were checked on their wedding day, during a funeral or on their child's first day of school," said Gianni Bugno, the president of the CPA. "Now we read about the case of Pieter Serry, controlled in the offseason, out of the hour scheduled, while at the Flemish cycling festival. ...

The riders pay 2 percent of their prizes to make these controls possible, they are the only athletes in the world who pay the anti-doping from their own pockets," Bugno said. "The riders respect the measures required for the fight against doping, but at least they ask for the respect of their private life in return."

Belgian media quoted Serry as saying he had already been tested two weeks ago and told anti-doping authorities he was available from 7 a.m. to 8

a.m. at his home.

"I understand that there must be checks and that people have to do their work, but two checks immediately after each other, out of season, is simply a waste of money. I feel like a prisoner with an ankle monitor," Serry was quoted as saying.

The CPA added it will try to find out whether it was the Belgian anti-doping agency, the national cycling federation or Cycling's anti-doping foundation (CADF) which ordered Serry's test.

"In addition, the CPA will present an official request to all the bodies involved in the fight against doping and the UCI to establish a code of conduct for the controllers, to ensure the respect for the private life of the athletes, at least in certain circumstances," the CPA said. □



Mattingly, Molina set to lead MLB All-Star tour of Japan

By JIM ARMSTRONG

AP Sports Writer

TOKYO (AP) — All-Star catcher Yadier Molina hopes to throw out some speedy runners. Don Mattingly looks forward to seeing Japan's national team. Mattingly and Molina are in Japan as part of a Major League Baseball All-Star tour that features six games against Japan.

The series begins on Friday with three games on consecutive nights at Tokyo Dome followed by one game in Hiroshima on Nov. 13 and two games in Nagoya on Nov. 14 and 15.

Mattingly was a coach with the New York Yankees when Hideki Matsui played there, and got to know Ichiro Suzuki with the Miami Marlins.

But this will be his first experience managing against a Japanese team.

"I've been able to work with Hideki in New York and had Ichiro in Miami," Mattingly said Wednesday. "The cul-



MLB All-Star manager Don Mattingly speaks during a press conference at Tokyo Dome in Tokyo Wednesday, Nov. 7, 2018.

Associated Press

ture and the love for baseball is something that is fun to watch, the work ethic of the Japanese players and the fundamentals seem so solid."

In addition to St. Louis Cardinals' catcher Molina, the MLB squad includes three other 2018 All-Stars; Seattle

Mariners outfielder Mitch Haniger, Marlins catcher J.T. Realmuto, and infielder Eugenio Suarez of the Cincinnati Reds.

Molina, who won a ninth Gold Glove award this season, is one of three catchers on the tour along with Realmuto and Robinson

Chirinos of the Texas Rangers.

The two leading contenders for 2018 National League Rookie of the Year are also part of the tour—Juan Soto of the Washington Nationals and Ronald Acuna Jr., of the Atlanta Braves. MLB will return to Ja-

pan next spring with a two-game opening series between the Oakland Athletics and Seattle Mariners at Tokyo Dome, marking the fifth time MLB has opened a season in Tokyo and first since 2012, when the A's and Mariners also played. Mattingly was previously in Japan in 2004 when the Yankees opened the season against Tampa Bay in Tokyo.

Matsui, who started his professional career at Tokyo Dome with the Yomiuri Giants, will serve as a first base coach for the MLB All-Stars. "It's great to be back in Japan with this Yankees uniform on," Matsui said. "I've never been a first base coach before so I'm a bit anxious. I'll try not to hurt the team." Pitchers will not be allowed to throw more than 80 pitches per game. If a pitcher throws more than 50 pitches, he must have four days of rest before being able to throw in another game. □

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Harvick enters this weekend's race at Phoenix fourth among the remaining eight playoff drivers, three points above the cutline. Should there be a tie for the final transfer spot, Harvick would not be eligible to use the Texas victory in the tie-breaking procedure.

Greg Zipadelli, vice president of competition at SHR, said the team will not appeal the penalties. Tony Gibson will be Harvick's interim crew chief and Nick DeFazio will be interim car chief.

"We work tirelessly across every inch of our race cars to create speed and, unfortunately, NASCAR determined we ventured into an area not accommodated by its rule book," Zipadelli said. "We will not appeal the penalty. Instead, we will direct our immediate focus to this weekend's event in Phoenix and control our destiny on the racetrack."

Harvick's win at Texas was his series-leading eighth in 2018 and qualified him for Homestead along with Joey Logano. Now, three spots in the finale will be up

for grabs Sunday in Phoenix.

Harvick won the 2014 Cup Series championship and went to Phoenix that season in a must-win situation to race for the title. He pulled it off and is a nine-time winner at Phoenix, including earlier this year. Harvick has been in NASCAR's finale three of the last four years.

The penalty is disastrous for SHR, which went into the third round of the playoffs with all four of its drivers eligible for the championship. Logano grabbed the first spot, which meant the best SHR could do was qualify three cars for Homestead. Now, SHR could wind up locked out of the finale outright if Harvick doesn't advance past Phoenix. Aric Almirola, Kurt Busch and Clint Bowyer are all below the cutline and likely need to win at Phoenix to advance.

The penalty against Harvick also closes a rough race for NASCAR, which erroneously penalized Jimmie Johnson moments before the race began. Johnson was sent to the back of the

field because NASCAR believed his car failed inspection three times, but he had failed only twice.

NASCAR announced the mistake during the race and said Monday it has updated its procedures to prevent a similar mistake moving forward. Later in the same event, Bowyer was penalized for a crew member being over the pit road wall too early. The crew member was sitting on the wall with his feet touching the asphalt on pit road, which was a violation, even if it seemed extreme.

Now Harvick's team has been rocked by a penalty that may change the composition of the final four drivers racing for the title. Harvick, along with Kyle Busch and Martin Truex Jr., is part of NASCAR's so-called Big Three that dominated the season through a stretch of summer racing. All three were expected to race for the championship, and none is qualified for Homestead yet with one race remaining.

"It is not our desire to issue any penalties, but we'll do



Kevin Harvick drives the Mobil 1 Ford in practice at Texas Motor Speedway, Saturday, Nov. 3, 2018, in Fort Worth, Texas.

Associated Press

so when necessary to ensure each race and championship is contested on a level playing field," said NASCAR senior vice president of competition Scott Miller. "We will now return our focus to Phoenix, and the battle for a championship."

Also Wednesday, NASCAR penalized the teams of Ryan Blaney and Erik Jones, who already have been eliminated from the playoffs.

Blaney crew chief Jeremy Bullins was fined \$50,000, and car chief Kirk Almquist was suspended for the next two races.

Jones crew chief Chris

Gayle was fined \$50,000 and car chief Jason Overstreet was suspended the next two races.

It took until Wednesday for the penalties to be announced because the cars were in transit Monday from Texas to North Carolina. Inspection was on Tuesday, and the teams do the actual teardown themselves. Once the Harvick violation was discovered late Tuesday, NASCAR had to examine whether the violation was correct and didn't release its findings until the next day — two days before Harvick and his interim crew chief and car chief will practice at Phoenix. □

Chinese 'gait recognition' tech IDs people by how they walk

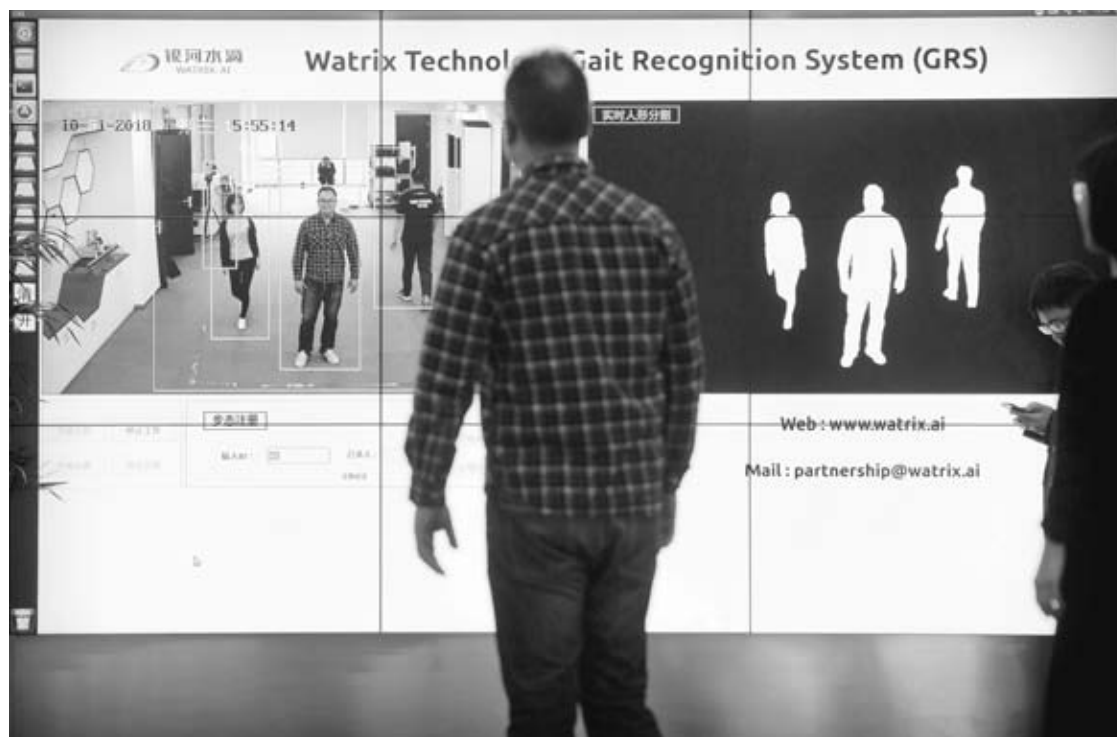
BEIJING (AP) — Chinese authorities have begun deploying a new surveillance tool: "gait recognition" software that uses people's body shapes and how they walk to identify them, even when their faces are hidden from cameras.

Already used by police on the streets of Beijing and Shanghai, "gait recognition" is part of a push across China to develop artificial-intelligence and data-driven surveillance that is raising concern about how far the technology will go.

Huang Yongzhen, the CEO of Watrix, said that its system can identify people from up to 50 meters (165 feet) away, even with their back turned or face covered. This can fill a gap in facial recognition, which needs close-up, high-resolution images of a person's face to work.

"You don't need people's cooperation for us to be able to recognize their identity," Huang said in an interview in his Beijing office. "Gait analysis can't be fooled by simply limping, walking with splayed feet or hunching over, because we're analyzing all the features of an entire body."

Watrix announced last month that it had raised 100 million yuan (\$14.5 million) to accelerate the development and sale of its gait recognition technology, according to Chinese



In this Oct. 31, 2018, photo, Watrix employees demonstrate their firm's gait recognition software at their company's offices in Beijing.

Associated Press

media reports.

Chinese police are using facial recognition to identify people in crowds and nab jaywalkers, and are developing an integrated national system of surveillance camera data. Not everyone is comfortable with gait recognition's use. Security officials in China's far-western province of Xinjiang, a region whose Muslim population is already subject to intense surveillance and control, have expressed interest in the software.

Shi Shusi, a Chinese columnist and commentator, says it's unsurprising that the

technology is catching on in China faster than the rest of the world because of Beijing's emphasis on social control.

"Using biometric recognition to maintain social stability and manage society is an unstoppable trend," he said. "It's great business." The technology isn't new. Scientists in Japan, the United Kingdom and the U.S. Defense Information Systems Agency have been researching gait recognition for over a decade, trying different ways to overcome skepticism that people could be recognized by the way they walk. Profes-

sors from Osaka University have worked with Japan's National Police Agency to use gait recognition software on a pilot basis since 2013.

But few have tried to commercialize gait recognition. Israel-based FST Biometrics shut down earlier this year amid company infighting after encountering technical difficulties with its products, according to former advisory board member Gabriel Tal.

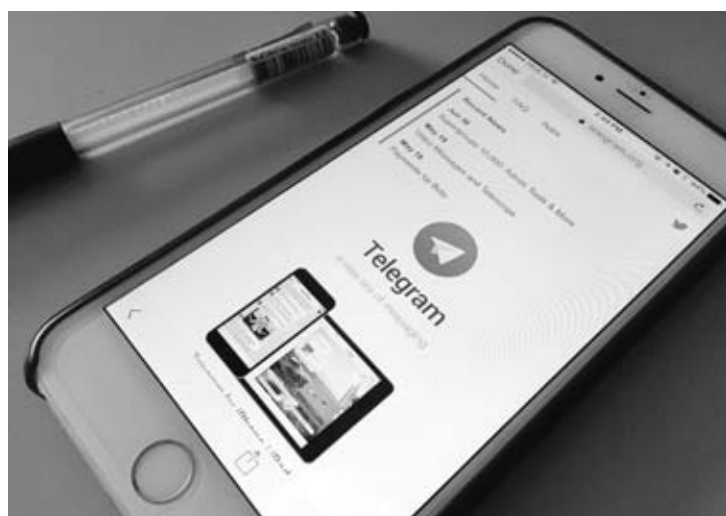
"It's more complex than other biometrics, computationally," said Mark Nixon, a leading expert on gait recognition at the University of

Southampton in Britain. "It takes bigger computers to do gait because you need a sequence of images rather than a single image." Watrix's software extracts a person's silhouette from video and analyzes the silhouette's movement to create a model of the way the person walks. It isn't capable of identifying people in real-time yet. Users must upload video into the program, which takes about 10 minutes to search through an hour of video. It doesn't require special cameras — the software can use footage from surveillance cameras to analyze gait.

Huang, a former researcher, said he left academia to co-found Watrix in 2016 after seeing how promising the technology had become. The company was incubated by the Chinese Academy of Sciences. Though the software isn't as good as facial recognition, Huang said its 94 percent accuracy rate is good enough for commercial use.

He envisions gait recognition being used alongside face-scanning software.

Beyond surveillance, Huang says gait recognition can also be used to spot people in distress such as elderly individuals who have fallen down. Nixon believes that the technology can make life safer and more convenient. □



In this July 15, 2017 file photo, the messaging app Telegram is displayed on a smartphone in Bangkok, Thailand.

Associated Press

MOSCOW (AP) — Tightening its control over popular anonymous chat apps, the Russian government has approved regulations

that would identify users by their cellphone numbers. The measures signed Tuesday by Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev are part of

Russia tightens control of anonymous messenger apps

Russia's moves to clamp down on smartphone messenger services, such as Telegram, that authorities claim are used by criminals and terrorists. Mobile phone network operators will be required to confirm the authenticity of a user's phone numbers within 20 minutes. If a number cannot be verified, messenger services are required to block users from their platforms. The Russian government will also require network operators to keep

track of which messenger apps their users have registered for. The decree goes into effect after 180 days. Over the past few years, Russia has adopted legislation aimed at curtailing internet freedom and limiting data privacy. One of the laws requires mobile phone operators to store data on voice calls and messages for several months. Other legislation allows authorities to target activists by fining and even sending them to prison for

social media posts.

In April, Russian authorities sought to block Telegram over its refusal to hand over keys to its data encryption. Telegram, which was developed by Russian entrepreneur Pavel Durov, had refused to share data. In a battle to cripple Telegram's operations, the Russian communications watchdog blocked some servers owned by tech giants Google and Amazon, affecting millions of Russian websites. □

Bound to fail: Poor choices can ruin business partnerships

NEW YORK (AP) — Nearly a year after Courtney Jackson launched her clothing business, she took on a partner to help manage the company's growth. A month into the partnership, something was wrong.

Jackson's partner was supposed to handle half the company's workload, but that didn't happen. So, Jackson began taking on more of the responsibilities. When Jackson tried to discuss the division of work, "she was a little defensive at first, and asked me to be patient." The situation didn't improve, and they agreed to part at the end of last year, just three months after the partnership began. But under their partnership agreement, drawn up without an attorney, dividing the company's assets would have weakened it financially. The partners decided to close, and Jackson lost her company.

The failure of a partnership often brings hard lessons for company owners. Problems often start when prospective partners don't think through all the ramifications of what they're doing — including whether they'll be a good fit. They may not be clear on their expectations for each other, and how they'll resolve conflicts. And they may not consider the legal consequences of how they set up their partnership, and how difficult it might be to unwind it; rather than hire an attorney, they write their own agreement that can be problematic when the relationship turns sour.

Jackson's experience taught her that she needed to be more strategic in her business decisions. And in choosing a partner — Jackson had met hers through a mutual acquaintance,

"You need to make sure you know the person well enough to know what their strengths are and their weaknesses," says Jackson, who lost her enthusiasm for retailing after the company closed. She now is the sole owner of an information technology company in Tampa, Florida.



In this Friday, Nov. 2, 2018, photo Courtney Jackson poses for a photo in her home office in Valrico, Fla.

Owners are so caught up in the idea of finding a partner to get investment money, help and expertise that they don't do the kind of due diligence they would do before hiring an employee, says Michael Howard, a management professor at Texas A&M University's Mays Business School.

"What will happen when you grow? What's your process for resolving problems? How should we manage this project? If you ask these kind of questions, it could reveal a lot of problems in advance," Howard says.

While partnering with strangers has potential pitfalls, so does going into business with friends.

"It's important to have trust and strong social ties, but if maintaining them comes at the loss of business success, that's not really appropriate," Howard says. Partners also need to be sure they share the same goals for the business, or at least understand what their differences are.

"You need to talk up front about what your expectations are, for long term, short term, two-year and five-year picture," says Sandy Jap, a marketing professor at Emory University's Goizueta Business School who has done research into partner selection. She suggests owners talk to other people who have worked with their prospective partners, in much the same way they'd check a job candidate's references. Lisa Shepherd needed cash to help her marketing business grow, so she gave three employees equity stakes. Within two years, the deal went bad as the four owners argued over whether to reinvest earnings into the business or distribute the profits among the partners. They also disagreed about workloads — "each person thought that he or she was working incredibly hard, while the others weren't," says Shepherd, owner of The Mezzanine Group, based in Toronto.

One point of contention

came as the partners who did the day-to-day work accused Shepherd of going out for lunch too often rather than working although those meetings led to new business.

"My work was outside the company, networking, opening doors," Shepherd says. They thought, 'she's having a grand old time and not doing any work.'" Shepherd did have an attorney draw up a partnership agreement at the start, ultimately the "best business decision ever, worth its weight in gold," because it took just two months to end the partnership. Since she held a 55 percent stake,

Shepherd was able to buy her partners out and retain ownership. Still, she says, "it was emotionally devastating. I had thought that everything would go well and having partners in the business would be utopia."

Today Shepherd is a sole proprietor. She has a profit-sharing plan for her general manager but doesn't plan to bring on another partner.

Even when a partnership is long-lived, there can be hard lessons — among them, facing the fact that the partnership doesn't work anymore.

"You need to get good at saying goodbye when the value in the relationship does end," says Jap, the Emory professor. A breakup may be necessary even if the company is successful. Antonio Argibay's partnership lasted more than 30 years, but during its last decade, the partners no longer agreed about the direction the architectural firm should take. But breaking up was difficult.

"It was always, things are too tough, there's a downturn, or things are going great. It was never the right time," says Argibay, now the sole proprietor of New York-based Meridian Design Associates.

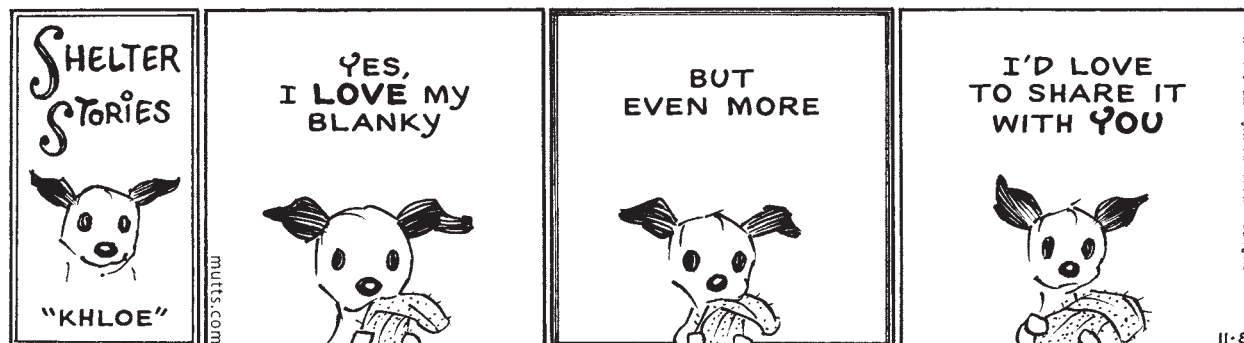
Finally, in 2013, they decided Argibay should buy his partner out, but it still took six months for them and their attorneys to work out the details. One problem was the fact the partners had a 50-50 split. "There's no way to break a tie. Someone has to withdraw, win or lose," Argibay says.

His takeaway from his partnership: "Without a clear, shared vision, the business was not going to survive." □



Bubali 143, in front of SuperFood Plaza Mall

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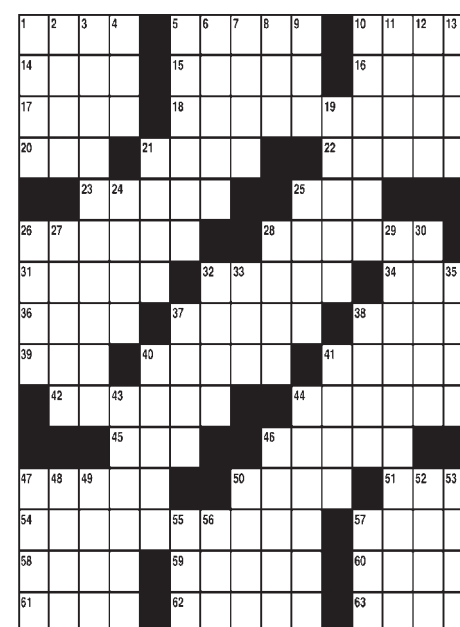
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- Fill with joy
- Honolulu's island
- Wise __ owl
- Harassed
- Affirmative
- Ailing
- Blaze residue
- Stretch of land
- JFK's predecessor
- Most bashful
- Like formal wear
- Shoestrings
- "Jack __ could eat no fat..."
- Bather's spot
- Zealous
- Perspiration
- Office note
- Word attached to coffee or jack
- Street talk
- Accepted standards
- Young swan
- Walks leisurely
- Fishing pole
- Game of chance
- Poe's first name
- At any __; nevertheless
- Male turkey
- "Nonsense!"
- Secretary's error
- Melancholy
- Self-confidence
- Made fun of
- Candy store chain
- Grand home
- Cowboy Autry

DOWN

- Cafeteria patron's item
- Trick
- Stretchiness
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- Make a painting of
- Vote into office
- Dog's comment
- "__ Now or Never"
- 20th letter
- Stirs
- Vow
- You, to Shakespeare
- Lather
- Police trainee
- Talk back
- Donna of old TV
- "Phooey!"
- Strike with an open palm
- Chaos
- __ one's feet; stall
- Unfair generalization
- Delicious
- Kill a fly
- Writing instrument
- Head honcho
- Winter toy
- Nearly all



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Wednesday's Puzzle Solved

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First monarch butterflies arrive at Mexico wintering area

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MEXICO CITY (AP) — The first monarch butterflies have arrived at their wintering grounds in the mountains of central Mexico almost a week later than usual, Mexico's Environment Department said Wednesday. Millions of monarchs make the 3,400-mile (5,500-kilometer) migration from the United States and Canada each year. The butterflies usually arrive by Mexico's Nov. 1 Day of the Dead holiday, and local residents long associated their return with the souls of the dead returning to their homes. But this year, the Environment Department said the first butterflies weren't seen in the mountain reserve west of Mexico City until Nov. 6. It said the butterflies were delayed because

they waited out rainy weather around the U.S.-Mexico border. The monarchs spend the winter clumped together in fir and pine trees. Last year the monarchs covered about 6.12 acres (2.48 hectares), down about 14.7 percent from the previous winter. As recently as 1996-1997 they covered 44 acres (18 hectares). There have been several rebound years, but each has generally been less than the preceding upswing. Increased use of herbicides in the United States have hurt the prevalence of milkweed, which monarch caterpillars feed on, risking their survival. Loss of tree cover in Mexico due to drought, storms and logging has also affected the butterflies' population. □

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Oldest known animal drawing found in remote Indonesian cave

By **CHRISTINA LARSON**
AP Science Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) — Scientists have found the oldest known example of an animal drawing: a red silhouette of a bull-like beast on the wall of a remote Indonesian cave.

The sketch is at least 40,000 years old, slightly older than similar animal paintings found in famous caves in France and Spain. Until a few years ago, experts believed Europe was where our ancestors started drawing animals and other figures.

But the age of the drawing reported Wednesday in the journal *Nature*, along with previous discoveries in Southeast Asia, suggest that figurative drawing appeared in both continents about the same time.

The new findings fuel discussions about whether historical or evolutionary events prompted this near-simultaneous "burst of human creativity," said lead author Maxime Aubert, an archaeologist and geochemist at Griffith University in Australia.

The remote limestones caves on Borneo have been known to contain prehistoric drawings since the 1990s. To reach them, Aubert and his team used machetes to hack through thick jungle in a verdant corner of the island.

Strapping on miners' hel-



This composite image from the book "Borneo, Memory of the Caves" shows the world's oldest figurative artwork dated to a minimum of 40,000 years, in a limestone cave in the Indonesian part of the island of Borneo.

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met to illuminate the darkness, they walked and crawled through miles of caves decorated with hundreds of ancient designs, looking for artwork that could be dated. They needed to find specific mineral deposits on the drawings in order to determine their age with technology that measures decay of the element uranium.

"Most of the paintings we actually can't sample," said Aubert.

Aubert and his fellow researchers reported in 2014 on cave art from the neigh-

boring Indonesian island of Sulawesi. They dated hand stencils, created by blowing red dye through a tube to capture the outline of a hand pressed against rock, to almost 40,000 years ago. Now, with the Borneo cave art, the scientists are able to construct a rough timeline of how art developed in the area. In addition to the bull, which is about 5 feet (1.5 meters) wide, they dated red- and purple-colored hand stencils and cave paintings of human scenes.

After large animal drawings

and stencils, "It seems the focus shifted to showing the human world," Aubert said.

Around 14,000 years ago, the cave-dwellers began to regularly sketch human figures doing things like dancing and hunting, often wearing large head-dresses. A similar transition in rock art subjects happened in the caves of Europe. "That's very cool, from a human point of view," said Peter Veth, an archaeologist at the University of Western Australia, who was not involved in the study.

"People adopted similar strategies in different environments as they became more modern."

The island of Borneo was still connected to mainland Southeast Asia when the first figurative drawings were made about 40,000 years ago — which is also about the time that the first modern humans arrived in Europe. The earliest drawings of animals in the French cave of Chauvet have been dated to about 33,500 to 37,000 years ago. Whether new waves of people migrating from Africa brought the skills of figurative cave painting with them, or whether these arts emerged later, remains unclear. Scientists have only a partial record of global rock art. The earliest cave etchings have been found in Africa and include abstract designs, like cross-hatches, dating to around 73,000 years ago.

The next stage of research in Indonesia will include excavations to learn more about the people who made these paintings. A few sites have already been identified, containing human bones, prehistoric jewelry and remains of small animals.

As for the red bull, its meaning remains a mystery.

"We think it wasn't just food for them — it meant something special," said Aubert. □

Uganda, at high risk for Ebola, starts vaccinating medics

By **RODNEY MUHUMUZA**
Associated Press
KAMPALA, Uganda (AP) — Uganda has started vaccinating health workers against Ebola in a border district near the outbreak in Congo, where the highly infectious viral disease has

killed 189 people.

The inoculations, using an experimental vaccine, began on Wednesday and are part of a wider Ebola prevention plan in a country that has faced multiple Ebola outbreaks since 2000. In recent months Ebola cas-

es have been confirmed near the heavily traveled border between Uganda and Congo, where 270 cases have been reported in the country's northeast since August.

The vaccinations are crucial to stemming transmission "in a highly endemic belt for hemorrhagic fevers," said Anthony Mbonye, a professor of health sciences at Uganda's Makerere University.

Twice-weekly market days - during which some 10,000 Congolese cross into Uganda - have put Uganda at high risk, according to local health officials. They say

unofficial border crossings also are a cause for concern.

Health workers are usually among the first to be infected in an Ebola outbreak.

The death from Ebola of a young Ugandan physician in 2000, one of more than 200 people killed in that outbreak, sparked a national outpouring of grief and helped spread awareness of how Ebola is transmitted.

The ongoing Uganda vaccinations targeting frontline health workers will be carried out in five districts along the border with Congo.

Several studies have shown that the vaccine is safe and protects against the Ebola virus, the World Health Organization said in a statement.

The vaccine, although subject to more scientific research and is still not yet licensed, is "being used on a compassionate basis, to protect persons at highest risk of the Ebola outbreak," the statement said.

In Congo, where thousands of people have been given the experimental Ebola vaccine, a worrying number of vaccinated health workers have been infected. □



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Elton John remembers Aretha Franklin at his annual AIDS gala

By JOHN CARUCCI

NEW YORK (AP) — Elton John said he stood by the stage and sobbed at his foundation's gala last year as Aretha Franklin made her final public performance.

"I was shocked to see how thin she was, and she just smiled her sweet smile at me and said, 'I didn't want to let you down,'" he told The Associated Press on the red carpet Monday night at this year's party.

John said Franklin "gave us one of the greatest performances of our lifetime." She died in August at age 76.

From the podium, John also acknowledged Tony Bennett, who was in the audience, as another inspirational singer.

"Artists like that don't come around that often. They are dying out, and it's such a shame because there's no one to replace them," the 71-year-old John told the crowd.

The gala raised \$3.9 million for the Elton John AIDS



Elton John, left, and David Furnish attend the Elton John AIDS Foundation's 17th annual "An Enduring Vision" benefit gala at Cipriani 42nd Street on Monday, Nov. 5, 2018, in New York.

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Foundation, which was launched in 1992.

While the organization has been a leader in the fight against AIDS, the theme of the night at a grand Midtown ballroom was civility

toward one another. John said he's worried about America because "we live in perilous times." He called on Americans to help all people feel like they belong.

"There should be no difference between the color of your skin, the religion you choose or your political party. We have to come together and embrace each other," John said.

From the red carpet, John said civility has gone off the rails over the past couple of years. He's especially disturbed by attacks on the transgender community.

"That doesn't sit very well with me. Because people should have any right they want. People who want to be transgender should have their own rights," John said.

David Furnish, John's husband, drew a similarity to the discrimination in the early day of the AIDS epidemic.

"We like everybody to be treated with kindness and compassion," he said. "You have to bring everybody along for the ride."

John's global humanitarian efforts help raise money for innovative AIDS prevention programs and campaigns to end stigma, as well as providing treatment, care and support services for people living with the disease. He's proud of the organization's humble beginnings. □

Eat your heart out at the Pizza Museum

By GARY GERARD HAMILTON

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — There is now a museum for pizza lovers everywhere that's popped-up in arguably America's pizza capital, New York City.

The Museum of Pizza is dedicated to all things cheese and sauce, but there's more to it than meets the tongue.

"It's often that the simplest ideas are the best. And we wanted to use pizza's ubiquitous appeal to get people through the door and looking at art and hearing about history in a different format," said Alexandra Serio, Chief Content Officer at Nameless Network, the group that baked the Museum of Pizza idea.

"Our approach to this Museum of Pizza is a fine art approach, so we went out to multiple artists contemporary in many mediums, and asked them for their interpretation of pizza," said

Serio. "And what we got back is—it ranges the gamut, let's just say that. That's an understatement."

Located on the street level of Brooklyn's William Vale hotel, the museum is an expansive, one-floor space that houses a wide variety of art, from giant photographs to sculptures to large installations that engulf visitors. And the pop-up museum, also known as "MoPi," has already drawn a lot of interest—more than 6,000 people came through the doors when they opened this month.

Another instantly recognizable attribute of the space is the bright colors that are weaved throughout the exhibits—perfect for taking social media-ready pictures. "Honestly, I thought it would be like more of a museum like at the beginning, with the pizza boxes and it kinda tells you when it was developed and stuff like that," said Nene Raye, visiting from New Jersey. "Then I



This Nov. 2, 2018 photo shows a pizza box playroom created with neon lights and colorful fluorescent tape called "Gazoo," part of a group art exhibition celebrating pizza at The Museum of Pizza in New York.

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was kinda hoping they had something artsy in it because I love taking pictures. So this is a mashup of everything—so you get a little bit of education and then some fun, which I love."

Serio said selfie-friendly exhibits are becoming a priority for museums as they try to get younger legs to walk through their doors.

"It's a kind of paradigm shift

with museums," she said. "You'll see, I think in the next few years because of museums like the Museum of Ice Cream, and multiple pop-ups of this ilk, museums kind of courting a younger audience and seeing how they can make their exhibitions more tactile, touch and photography friendly." Lydia Melendez, a self-described "pizza aficionado,"

bought her tickets in April. For her, this experience was worth the wait.

"I thought it was going to be kinda boring, like I'm going to walk in and there's just going to be a book about pizza and how to make it. But this is definitely one for the books."

While pizza may be the hook that draws those interested to the museum, the focus of MoPi is to expose visitors to the fine art world—even if the education is fed one slice at a time.

"The Museum of Pizza's target demographic isn't necessarily the same type of people that are making a quarterly trips to the MoMA or the Frick collection or the LACMA (Los Angeles County Museum of Art)," said Serio. "We're really putting fine art in a place that's easily accessible for a wide range of people."

The pop-up museum, which costs \$35 for adults but is free for kids under 5 and seniors, closes Nov. 18. □

Claire Foy trades Elizabeth for Lisbeth

By JAKE COYLE
Associated Press

No, "The Girl in the Spider's Web" isn't a Spider-Man spinoff about a young woman ensnared by Peter Parker. But you'd be forgiven for thinking the latest, revamped iteration of Stieg Larsson's thrillers has some superhero DNA.

This, Lisbeth Salander's third big-screen incarnation in nine years, has morphed the avenging Stockholm hacker into a blander action hero, complete with a Batman-and-Robin-like band of white across her eyes. Following the spikier Swedish trilogy, with Noomi Rapace, and David Fincher's menacing and murky "The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo," with Rooney Mara, we can almost palpably feel Lisbeth (Claire Foy this time) being lured out of the shadows and toward a more mainstream movie realm. In this latest chapter, Lisbeth strives, like a Scandinavian 007, to keep a world-threatening atomic weapons program dubbed "Firefall" out of the wrong hands. (Are there any right



This image released by Sony Pictures shows Claire Foy in a scene from "The Girl in the Spider's Web."

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ones?) "The Girl in the Spider's Web," directed by Uru-guayan-born Fede Alvarez ("Don't Breathe," 2013's "Evil Dead" reboot), smooths away some of the rough edges of a saga predi-

cated on them, resulting in a competent but indistinguishable thriller. Lisbeth, a volatile cyberpunk vigilante propelled by her own demons of abuse, remains a great character in search of a decent plot.

It's a shame, too, because a fearsome woman meting out justice for detestable men is, well, kind of appropriate right now. In the film's first scene — the most comic book-like of them all — Lisbeth strings up an

offending husband like a fish while gutting his bank account and, with a few clicks, transferring his savings to his victimized wife. Batman could do no better.

Such exchanges, though, quickly recede in favor of a larger conspiracy that ropes in the NSA (Lakeith Stanfield plays an agent), a Russian gang called the Spiders (with Claes Bang) and the Swedish authorities. It begins when Salander is approached by a former NSA agent (Stephen Merchant) who built the software program but who now (only now?) is concerned that the ability to launch every nuclear weapon on the planet might actually be a bad idea.

Soon, all manner of bad guys are after him, his young but brilliant son (Christopher Convery) and Salander. The investigative journalist Mikael Blomkvist (Sverrir Gudnason in the part previously Daniel Craig and Michael Nyqvist) is around at times but makes little of an impression. □

Hanson, the kings of 'MMMBop,' turn to orchestras



This cover image released by 3CG Records shows "String Theory," a release by Hanson.

Associated Press

By MARK KENNEDY
Hanson, "String Theory" (3CG Records)

The Hanson boys have done everything in their power to get you to lis-

ten beyond "MMMBop." They've put out solid new music, live CDs, Christmas albums — OK, lots of Christmas albums — greatest hits collections, and even covers of songs by U2 and Radiohead. Now they've gone uptown — they've gone orchestral.

The 23-track double album, "String Theory," finds Isaac, Taylor and Zac Hanson reworking past songs and unreleased ones for swaths of strings, woodwinds, brass and percussion. One new song, "Siren Call," uses a full 46-piece orchestra.

Snark if you must, but anything that gets Hanson's music a fresh listen is welcomed. Why this talented trio has never matched the success of "MMMBop" is one of those mysteries that go unsolved in the modern music business. □

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Bruce Springsteen, Seth Meyers headline veterans fundraiser

By MARK KENNEDY

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Bruce Springsteen teamed up with country star Eric Church on a version of "Working on the Highway" and Jon Stewart laced into Donald Trump at a bawdy event Monday in New York that gathered comedians and musicians to help raise money for military veterans. Springsteen, a vocal critic of several White House policies, avoided politics completely at the Stand Up for Heroes show, instead offering a few off-color jokes and four songs, including "Dancing in the Dark," "The Hard Land" and "If I Should Fall Behind" with his wife, Patti Scialfa.

The Boss, in jeans, a white shirt and a jean jacket, was returning to the event now in its 12 year, having been the musical guest since the beginning. Last year, the Red Hot Chili Peppers took his spot as he worked on his



Bruce Springsteen performs at the 12th annual Stand Up For Heroes benefit concert at the Hulu Theater at Madison Square Garden on Monday, Nov. 5, 2018, in New York.

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one-man "Springsteen on Broadway."

Stand Up for Heroes is co-

presented by the Bob Woodruff Foundation and

the New York Comedy

Festival. It kicks off the festival and raises money for the Woodruff foundation,

which funds programs for injured veterans and their families. The foundation is named for the ABC news anchor injured in Iraq in 2006. It raised over \$5.4 million at the event, held at the 6,000-seat Hulu Theater at Madison Square Garden.

Stewart, also a veteran of the event, opened his set ridiculing the notion that America faced a threat from thousands of Central American migrants traveling northward in a caravan. "I'm so scared," he said. "There's thousands of sharecroppers coming at America at 1 to 2 miles per hour. They'll be here by April."

Jimmy Carr, a British comedian, hit the stage with mostly blue, edgy material, but had some jokes at the expense of the commander in chief. "Walls work," he deadpanned. "I was in China last year. I didn't see one Mexican." □

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As much of America voted, some chose not to or couldn't

By DAVID GOLDMAN

ATLANTA (AP) — For some, it's a privilege lost. Others are disillusioned by a system they say does nothing for them. Others still are turned off by the anger and divisiveness they see as ripping the country apart.

As Americans on Tuesday voted in midterm elections largely seen as a referendum of President Donald Trump's first two years in office, many people stayed home.

According to AP Vote-Cast, a national survey of the electorate, nonvoters said the biggest reasons for them not voting were they didn't like politics generally and they don't know enough about the candidates' positions. Few said it was because they did not know where to vote, it takes too much time or they didn't have the required identification.

Nationally, 70 percent of registered voters who chose not to vote in the midterm election were younger than 45. A wide share of those who did not vote — around 8 in 10 — did not have a college degree. About as many nonvoters were Democrats (32 percent) as Republicans (32 percent).

The Associated Press spoke to some who either chose not to vote or were not able to:

Truth Graf, 57, wasn't able to vote after being convicted of arson and cocaine possession for what she calls "an act of desperation." She burned her house down during the housing crisis to avoid foreclosure, and her right to vote won't be restored until she's off probation in 2040. "I'll be 80 when I can vote again. It's devastating to me to be sitting here on Election Day," Graf said, as she rested her elbows on her kitchen table in Woodstock, Georgia. "I believe so strongly in the process of having a voice and my voice has been taken away."

Debbie Key, 58, doesn't believe her vote will make a



Debbie Key, 58, walks out of the cooler while working at Brenda's House of Flowers on election day in Woodstock, Ga., Tuesday, Nov. 6, 2018.

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difference. "I'm a little disillusioned," she said as she walked out of the cooler while at work at Brenda's House of Flowers in Woodstock, Georgia. "I am not educated enough on policy." She added: "And what is presented to me through commercials, TV ads, forget it. It's just not enough for me to have an opinion. I'm pretty much ambivalent. Nothing lights me up."

Oscar Ramirez, 61, emigrated from Cuba and has voted in past elections, but the divisive political climate

has given him pause. "I thank God and this country every day for what they gave me," Ramirez said as he unloaded spices to be delivered to a market in Woodstock, Georgia. "It makes me sick the way they go at each other." He added: "Republicans and Democrats, they just go at each other and all we get are promises. They worry more about each other than us. I see from the past once they get up there they forget about the little people."

Charles Shields, 71, didn't feel like he will get a fair deal, no matter who wins. "I didn't see a reason to vote. I feel like if I vote, it really does no good," he said as he stood on his porch with his dogs at his home in Atlanta. "I feel like a new man going in is a good man, but when he gets in there, that's when he turns into a different person. I've heard just about everything they could say." Still, he said, he contributes in other ways. "What I usually do is get a sign of who I like and ride around with it on my car so

I feel like that is helping."

Georgia State University student Ebony Short, 22, spent part of Tuesday studying in their room. "Neoliberalism is just as bad as conservatism. Capitalism is perpetuating the globalization of fascism, and that's another reason why I'm not going to vote," said Short, who has voted on local city council elections but sees higher-level races as furthering the cause of imperialism. "I'm not going to shame people for voting, but I want people to understand that you also on that same token shouldn't shame someone who is using not voting as a tactic as well. How can you be upset at people who are demanding more from the system?"

Emory University student Omar Hernandez, 20, simply ran out of time. "I would have had to file an absentee ballot because I'm from Florida, and with exams and school, I've been just overwhelmed," said Hernandez, who was studying organic chemistry on his laptop as he waited for a haircut in Atlanta. "In all honesty, I feel like voting is a place where everyone can feel like they're making a contribution to society, just a way of keeping hope for the masses, like making them feel they have a say in the government and they really don't."

Jay Philbert, 38, said he decided never to vote again after voting for President George W. Bush and then for President Barack Obama. "Democrats, Republicans, same thing. Left wing, right wing. I don't have time for it. I don't know that my vote really counts," Philbert said as he worked on a car at Intown Auto Care in Decatur, Georgia. "The Affordable Care Act is not affordable. I have a motto I live by. If it doesn't make my life better, I don't do it. Drinking don't make my life better, I quit drinking. Smoking don't make my life better, I quit smoking. Voting don't make my life better, I quit voting." □



Charles Shields, 71, stands on his front porch with his dogs on election day in Atlanta, Tuesday, Nov. 6, 2018.

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